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## Winter carnival gets the HOLLYWOOD treatment



This year's winners of the annual Ware High School winter carnival were the junior class with a total of 63.5 points.

## Juniors take the prize

By Melina Bourdeau  
Correspondent

WARE – Although the Oscars are a couple weeks away, students at Ware High School walked the red carpet and received awards themselves at this year's Hollywood-themed Winter Carnival.

Students, staff and family members gathered at Ware High School on Saturday for the annual competition between high schoolers. This year the junior class won the Winter Carnival trophy.

With a grand total of 63.5 points, the juniors won basketball, speedball, girls division of dodge-

ball, kan-jam, corn hole, the video game competition, window decorating competition, the food drive, penny wars and placed second in other competitions as well.

Along with the annual theme, this year the Parent Teacher Student Spirit Association made some changes to the day-long competition.

PTSSA President, Carolanne McGrail said the changes were made based on student input.

"This year we have capture the flag instead of scooter handball," McGrail said. "This year we also



Fitting to the Hollywood theme this year, juniors Destinee Anadon, Lilly Kibbe and Morgan Saletnik wore their class shirts – the "Wincredibles" based off the Disney movie "The Incredibles."

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## A night of food, laughs and fun

By Jonah Snowden  
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REGION – Residents who are interested in a night of fun, food, and laughter are invited to the Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce's 3rd annual QHCC Comedy Night on Feb. 8, at the Quaboag Country Club, located 70 Palmer Rd., Monson.

The nonprofit membership-based organization is hosting this event as a fundraiser, and the proceeds will go toward a grant they issue at their awards dinner. Before the show, guests who would like a meal can order a spaghetti and meatball dinner with garlic bread and a salad for \$12 per person.

Lenny Weake, president of the QHCC, said that he is very excited for this event, since each year has been fun and successful, and definitely encourages fans to attend the event.

"I'm really excited about it, I think that it's so much fun," said Weake. "It's so nice to have something in right in our area, so no one has have to travel outside. Every year it's a lot of fun, a blast, and a great night out for family."

Comedians scheduled to perform on Feb. 8 are Steve Nagle, Linda Belt, and Dr. Jay Sutay. Nagle, a morning show producer at Rock 102 FM, has been described by Weake as a strong supporter of the QHCC, and he said he cannot wait to watch him perform on Friday.

Sutay has been described as the self-proclaimed "Hardest Working Pediatrician in Comedy." Usually, Sutay brings his tales from the exam rooms, his experience working with children and their parents, and the challenges of fathering his

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## Citizen police academy offers hands-on experience

By Ellenor Downer  
Staff Writer

BARRE – Police Chief John Carbone said participating in the upcoming citizen police academy will be a hands-on experience. Everyone will get an opportunity to ride along in the cruiser, participate in a simulated traffic stop and go to the rifle range.

The chief said the officers teaching at the citizen academy want to make each class as interesting as possible. Topics will include: criminal investigations, motor vehicle enforcement, administration, school policing, firearms, equipment, use of force and narcotics.

Carbone will teach the administration session and Officer Davidson, the school resource officer, will teach school policing.

All Barre police officers will help even if they do not teach a session. This is a chance for the new officers to meet members of the community and for the community to meet them. Even the two police officers currently attending the police academy themselves will be there.

The upcoming citizen academy will begin Wednesday, April 1 and run through Wednesday, May 27, from 6:30 to 9 p.m., at the Quabbin Regional High School, 800 South St. The information about the citizen police academy is on the police department's face book page, on the department's website and town website at townofbarrema.gov. It is open to town residents, local business owners, local employees and parents of Quabbin students,

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Left to right selectmen Tracy Opalinski, Nancy Talbot, Keith Kruckas and Vice Chairman John Carroll at Tuesday's selectmen's meeting.

## Traffic plans, discussion continued

By Eileen Kennedy  
Staff writer

WARE – Selectmen voted Tuesday to continue discussion and examine a plan to be developed in the next few weeks regarding issues on downtown streets at their meeting of March 17.

Selectmen have been discussing parking and travel issues on High, Cottage, Prospect, School, Walnut and Pulaski streets, and held a public forum about them Tuesday night to hear from residents.

After hearing from residents, Department of Public Works Director Gilbert St. George-Sorel

and Police Chief Shawn Crevier, selectmen asked St. George-Sorel and Crevier to develop a plan, with input from the Fire Department, to place parking on one side of those streets while taking into consideration intersections, driveways,

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## Notecards to help Blue Star Equiculture

By Eileen Kennedy  
Staff writer

WEST BROOKFIELD – Artist Susan Tilton Pecora and writer Suzanne Strempek Shea, longtime friends of Blue Star Equiculture, have developed a set of greeting cards with paintings of the draft horses and essays to help with the sanctuary's last days.

The two women were former Blue Star neighbors back when the farm was in Palmer, and have been working on a book of Blue Star paintings and essays for several years, said Shea.

"Unfortunately time ran out for Blue Star before we could finish the book," said Shea. "So



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A set of 10 greeting cards for \$25 featuring horses from Blue Star Equiculture will be available to help with the nonprofit's last days. Homes have been found for all its working horses but expenses will continue until they horses have been moved.

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**SLIDESHOW TOUR** The New Braintree Historical Commission and New Braintree Historical Society proudly present a free event entitled, “The Brick Store,” on Sunday, Feb. 9, at 2 p.m., the New Braintree Town Hall, at 20 Memorial Drive. It will be a slideshow tour narrated by Doug Waugh. It is expected to last about an hour and 45 minutes, with an intermission. Refreshments will be served. The Snow date will be Sunday, Feb. 23, at 2 p.m. For more information go online to [www.newbraintreehistoricalsociety.org](http://www.newbraintreehistoricalsociety.org).

**SHARING ART** Come feel the love at ArtWorks in February, when several of the area’s favorite local artists share the love stories that inspired some of their works. Enjoy a rare glimpse behind the canvas, and find out how these artists turned their love stories into remarkable works of art. Bring a sweetheart and join ArtWorks for a special Valentine-themed artists’ reception on Saturday, Feb. 15, from 5 to 7 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. The artists’ work will be on display as well as their stories from Jan. 31 through Feb. 27 at ArtWorks Gallery, 69 Main St. in Ware. ArtWorks is open on Fridays from 3 to 7 p.m., Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m.. To learn more about ArtWorks, go online to [workshop13.org/gallery](http://workshop13.org/gallery), call 413-277-6069 or email [art-works@workshop13.org](mailto:art-works@workshop13.org).

**ST. PATRICK’S DAY DINNER** Trinity Trinity Episcopal Church, at the corner of Park and Pleasant streets, will hold a traditional St. Patrick’s Day Dinner, on Saturday, March 14, from 4 to 6 p.m., at the church. There will be corned beef and cabbage, potatoes, carrots, rye bread and homemade desserts. A donation of \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors over 65, and free for children 5 and under. Eat in or take out.

Please call 413-967-6100 for more information and to make reservations. Bring family, friends and neighbors for an enjoyable time and a delicious meal cooked by members of the parish. All proceeds benefit the mission and ministry of the parish.

## ONGOING activities

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT GROUP** Were you in a relationship you felt was destructive?

Are you in one now? Not sure? Come talk with us about this and more in a safe, confidential and supportive atmosphere. Come to The Healing Alliance Support Group for women questioning the health of their relationships on Domestic Violence Support Group at the Ware Learning Center, 23 West Main St, in Ware, on Thursdays, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Free child care is provided. For more information please contact Pat James at 413-726-8661.

**FAMILY GAME NIGHT** will be held at the Gilbertville Public Library, 259 Main St., Gilbertville the first and third Wednesdays of every month from 6:30-7:30 p.m. People can sign up for the checkers tournament, enjoy lots of games, coloring or Legos. This program is made possible by a cultural council grant.

## Are You Old News?

Each week the Ware River News digs into its submitted photo archives and selects a people photo to publish. We need your help to help identify those pictured.

Email your answers by Monday at noon to [ekennedy@turley.com](mailto:ekennedy@turley.com).

*Last week we ran a photo that was featured in the Feb. 14, 1991 issue of the Ware River News. The young people in the photo were left to right, Scott Steinmetz, Mary Lussier, Kim Gurka and Lori Gervais. They had hiked to Belchertown for a walk-a-thon.*

*This week's photo ran in the March 14, 1991 issue of the Ware River News. Anyone who can identify the people in the photo or what they're doing should send their answers to [ekennedy@turley.com](mailto:ekennedy@turley.com).*

**WARE DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA**, Circle 106 has temporarily changed its meeting place. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the meetings will be at the home of Carol DeSantis, 307 Belchertown Road, Ware, the second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. Notify Charlene at 413-813-8557 whether you are able to attend.

**TEA, TREATS AND TALK** are what Tea Party Thursdays are all about at the Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Road, Hardwick. There are so many delightful people to meet. Come make new friends, meet old acquaintances and share conversation. Just come for tea (or coffee) or come propose a new activity. Meet at the Paige on Thursdays at 3 p.m. For more information email [director.paigelibrary@gmail.com](mailto:director.paigelibrary@gmail.com) or call 413-477-6704.

**KNITTING AND CROCHET CLUB** The Gilbertville Public Library holds a knitting and crochet club meeting every Thursday from 2:30 to 4 p.m. All are welcome to come no matter their level of experience. Come and learn, lessons are given from 3 to 4 p.m. The library is located at 259 Main St. in the Gilbertville section of Hardwick.

**HOMEMADE MEAL DELIVERY** All Saints Church is starting a hot homemade meal delivery for anyone in Ware called Take and Eat, which will be available on the first Saturday of each month. The church would like to know of anyone, yourselves included, who would benefit for getting a hot home-made meal once a month. There is no charge for the meal and there are no qualifications in getting the meal. Just asking for it is enough. Please call the rectory office at 413-967-4963 and give the name and address of the person or persons who would like to receive the meal. The program is built on the gospel of Jesus Christ, “I was hungry and you gave me food, a stranger and you welcomed me, ill and you cared for me.”

**WARE FUEL BANK** The Ware Fuel Bank has once again received generous donations from local businesses and has funds to help Ware residents who are facing interruption of utility service during the heating season. The only requirement is being a

Ware resident with proof of low-income status or a financial crisis. The United Church of Ware administers this program. Those who need help or those wanting more information should call the church at 413-967-9981.

**NEW MEMBERS SOUGHT** Ware Community Theatre is seeking new members. It is a nonprofit organization interested in enhancing Ware’s culture by producing live performance plays, readings and solo persons of interest that may include musicals, dramas, local and national historical productions and timely events. They meet monthly on the third Monday at Workshop13, 13 Church St., Ware at 7 p.m. Please call 413-544-8381 with any questions.

**COMMUNITY DINNER STARTS** The Ware Senior Center, at 1 Robbins Road will hold free community dinners on the second Wednesday of each month beginning in January. All ages are welcome at the dinner.

**NARCAN TRAINING** The Ware Fire Department and the Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance are sponsoring free nasal Narcan (Naloxone) trainings on the first Thursday of the month at 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Narcan or Naloxone is a medication that can rapidly reverse an overdose from prescription opioids or heroin. It can be purchased without a prescription at local pharmacies. If you or a loved one uses opioids, it is recommended to have Narcan and know how to use it. The free trainings will be held at the Ware Fire Department at 200 West Street. No appointments or pre-registrations are necessary, and those wishing to get the training can just walk in. For more information, contact Ed Wloch at [ewloch@townofware.com](mailto:ewloch@townofware.com) or call 413-967-5901.

**BAND SEEKS NEW MEMBERS** Residents are invited to join the Ware Community Concert Band. Come and experience the satisfaction of rehearsing and performing in a large accomplished band. The Concert Band rehearses once each week in the Ware High School auditorium on Wednesday nights from 7 to 8:30 p.m. They perform two full-length concerts each season, one in December and one in June, and also perform at local ceremonies and events. Membership is open to all local and area musicians of all ability levels and all band instruments. The

only requirement is a desire to grow musically. Exercise your talents and come join them in making the music. For more information contact John, the conductor, at [jshobbs413@charter.net](mailto:jshobbs413@charter.net).

**KNITTING CIRCLE** The Warren Public Library at 934 Main St., in Warren is inviting knitters on Thursdays from 4 to 6 p.m. to join all ages and abilities of knitters at a new, ongoing knitting circle.

Stop by for a while or stay the whole time. A knitting circle is a great place to relax, create and chat with fellow knitters and to share favorite tips and tricks. Basic instruction will be provided to beginning knitters. For more information contact the library at 413-436-7690.

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY-UNIT 123 WARE** meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 4 p.m. at the Legion Hall on Maple Street. New members are welcome. For more information, please contact Michele at (413) 544-1996.

**BASEBALL BOOK AVAILABLE** The Ware Historical Society has added to its collection of the three Ware histories and other books of interest, “Ware Boys of Summer” by Ware native Stephen R. Katz. The stories of seven major league players from out small town is full of history of the game. Call Polli at 413-967-6882 to purchase a copy. The cost is \$15.95.

**STORY TIME** The Young Men’s Library Association has story time every Tuesday morning at 10:30 a.m. located at 37 Main Street in Ware. After the story, there is always a craft. Come meet new friends! All ages welcome. No registration required. The library is wheelchair accessible. Contact Cathy Rezendes at 413-967-9691 for more information.

**BOOK CLUB** The Gilbertville Public Library holds a meeting of its book club on the last Wednesday of each month from 7 to 8 p.m. The library is located at 259 Main St. in the Gilbertville section of Hardwick.

**ADULT COLORING CLUB** The Gilbertville Public Library holds an adult coloring club meeting on the first, third, fourth and fifth Wednesday of every month from 6 to 7 p.m. The library is located at 259 Main St. in the Gilbertville section of Hardwick.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** Alcoholic Anonymous meetings are held on Thursday nights at Trinity Episcopal Church on Park Street from 8 to 9 p.m., and Sunday nights at Mary Lane Hospital on South Street from 7 to 8:15 p.m.

**STORY TIME** Warren Public Library holds story time every Tuesday at 11 a.m. All children are invited to come and listen to stories and do a fun craft. The program is geared to 3 to 5-year-olds, but younger and older children are also welcome. For more information call 413- 436-7690. The library is located at 934 Main St.

**MISS DONNA STORY TIME** The West Warren Library Association presents a new season of Story Time with Miss Donna every second and fourth Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the West Warren Public Library, 2370 Main St. There will be fun, reading and crafts for tots 3 to 5-years-old. Please call 413-436-9892 with any questions.

**NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS** A new Narcotics Anonymous group called “The Ware Clean Group” now meets on Sundays from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. at “The Living Room” at Trinity Episcopal Church, 17 Park St.

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**CLUES ACROSS**

1. Indicates number of days

6. When you hope to get there

9. Hairstyle

13. Black (Spanish)

14. Expresses pleasure

15. Away from wind

16. Tech pros organization

17. Wile E. Coyote is familiar with it

18. Clean

19. Saints' signal caller

21. A way to hunt

22. Poetries

23. Automobile

24. Secondary school (abbr.)

25. Indicates before

28. Male parent

29. Short-billed rails

31. It pays to keep yours

33. On occasion

36. David \_\_, US playwright

38. Slang for cigarette

39. Vaccine developer

41. Returned to health

44. Toni Morrison novel

45. Period between eclipses

46. Veterans battleground

48. Gang

49. A radio band

51. Jaws of a voracious animal

52. Elaborate garments

54. Chinese province

56. Checks

60. Horizontal passage

61. Steep hillsides

62. Fertility god

63. Dried-up

64. Signs a name

65. \_\_ Winger, actress

66. German river

67. Gov't lawyers

68. Take something somewhere

**CLUES DOWN**

1. \_\_ Blyton, children's author

2. Colleague

3. "The African Queen" writer

4. Crater on the moon

5. Toward

6. Overhang

7. Identifies something close at hand

8. Sign language

9. Unbroken views

10. Ancient Greek City

11. Stretch out to grasp

12. Alcohols that are unfit for drinking

14. Humorous stories

17. Long song for a solo

20. Barrels per day (abbr.)

21. City of Lights

23. A place to sleep

25. Advanced degree (abbr.)

26. The back

27. Furniture-makers

Charles and "Ray"

29. Songs to a lover

30. Gland secretion

32. 10 meters

34. Disfigure

35. Stores grain

37. Sacred book of Judaism

40. Catch

42. Promise

43. Challenges

47. Russian space station

49. Banking giant

50. Served as an omen

52. Drenches

53. Type of sword

55. Minor planet

56. Messenger

ribonucleic acid

57. Japanese ankle sock

58. Obtain in return for services

59. Waste matter

61. A proposal to buy at a specified price

65. Unit of loudness

## The benefits of local newspapers

Local newspapers play vital roles in communities across the globe. The Information Age has changed the way many people get their news, but local newspapers continue to serve as valuable resources for readers interested in learning more about and becoming more involved in their communities.

While local publishers continue to adapt to the changes brought about by technology, the following are a handful of benefits unique to local newspapers.

• **Local newspapers keep readers up-to-date on their own communities.** Globalization may be here to stay, but that does not mean local communities are no longer home to newsworthy events. National and international newspapers and 24-hour cable news channels can keep men and women up-to-date on national and world news, but in many instances, local newspapers are the only means people have to learn about what's going on in their own communities. Local politics impact residents' lives every day, and local newspapers cover local politics extensively.

• **Local newspapers benefit nearby businesses.** Small business owners often connect with community members via local newspapers. A strong, locally based small business community can improve economies in myriad ways, creating jobs in the community and contributing tax dollars that can be used to strengthen local schools and infrastructure. And local newspapers do their part by providing affordable and effective advertising space to local business owners looking to connect with their communities.

• **Local newspapers can strengthen communities.** Local newspapers are great resources for residents who want to become more active in their communities and learn more about community events. Local newspapers often showcase community events like carnivals, local theater productions and projects like park cleanups. These are great ways for readers to become more active in their communities and build stronger communities as a result.

• **Local newspapers can benefit children.** National newspapers may have



little age-appropriate content to offer young children, but local newspapers tend to include more soft news items than national periodicals, and such stories typically are appropriate for young readers. According to Newspapers in Education, students who participated in an NIE group in Florida performed significantly better in spelling and vocabulary

than nonreaders. Additional studies have indicated that students who use newspapers in the classroom perform better on standardized reading tests than those who do not use newspapers in class.

Many local newspapers have played vital roles in their communities for decades, providing a go-to resource for local readers and business owners.

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# Hardwick students host first-ever Winter Carnival

By Ruari Bosley  
Special correspondent

HARDWICK — Hardwick Elementary School is proud to say that its winter carnival was a success. There was so much to do there. They had face painters, cotton candy, paper airplanes, and they even had an obstacle course in the gym. The winner of the pie-eating contest was Connor Voiland. The winner of the cup-stacking competition was Julieta Tweedell. The winner of the paper airplane competition was Tyler Belden. There were baked goods—a whole table filled with sweets that just made mouths water. Hardwick Elementary School had a blast at the Winter Carnival 2020, and hopes to see everyone again next year.



Turley Publications courtesy photo  
**Connor Voiland, winner of the Hardwick Elementary School's Winter Carnival pie-eating competition, celebrates his victory.**

# Dominick T. Mascitis promoted at Southbridge Big Y

SPRINGFIELD – The management of Big Y Foods Inc. announced new appointments including that of Dominick T. Mascitis, of Ware, who is now the meat/seafood sales manager in the Southbridge Big Y World Class Market.

According to Michael J. Galat, vice president employee services, “At Big Y, we are committed to providing the tools and training necessary to support our employees in their development. We look forward to their growth

in the pursuit of excellence as they personally develop their own skills in order to take on these new levels of responsibility.”

Big Y Foods, Inc. is one of the largest independently owned supermarket chains in New England. Big Y operates 82 locations throughout Massachusetts and Connecticut including 71 supermarkets, Fresh Acres Market, Table & Vine Fine Wines and Liquors and 9 Big Y Express gas and convenience locations.

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two daughters to his stand-up comedy shows.

He began comedy in 1983 while attending Fairfield University, at Open Mic Night at the Treehouse Comedy Club, when it was originally in the basement of the New England Motor Lodge in Westport. After graduating in 1985, and completing his medical school training at The University of Connecticut School of Medicine in 1990, he was certain his interest in comedy was finished. In wasn't until 2006, that Sutay resurrected his career in comedy, and since then has made great strides as a local comedian. Accomplishments include becoming a finalist in Funniest Comic in New England Contest in 2012, Funniest Comic on the East Coast Contest in 2014, and being named one of Hartford's best local comics in the Hartford Courant.

For Belt, moving to 1987 was one of the leading factors that

inspired her to do comedy. After becoming tired of serving as a suburban pillar of the community, she decided to pick up the microphone herself. Because of her diverse subject matter such as marriage, parenting, social mores and more, Belt has performed in a number of comedy festivals, such as the Hogtown Comedy Festival in Toronto, the Detroit Comedy Festival, the Long Island Comedy Festival, the Women of Comedy Festival and many more. She has also been profiled in the Hartford Courant, the Chicago Tribune, the New Jersey Star Ledger, and has appeared on affiliates of NBC, ABC, and PBS.

To purchase tickets, and to learn more about the event, call 413-283-2418, or visit ghma.com. The those who purchase tickets for the spaghetti dinner will have a chance to eat at 6 p.m., before the comedy show begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for the dinner and comedy must be purchased separately, and can be ordered anytime before the event.

# Ware Senior Center news

WARE — The Ware Council on Aging will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 18, from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Ware Senior Center, 1 Robbins Road. COA meetings take place the third Tuesday of every month. The meetings are open to the public and time for new business will be allowed near the beginning of the meeting.

Seniors are invited to meet with their state legislators on the following dates: Tuesday Feb. 11, from 10 to 10:45 a.m. with Donna Farmer, Chief of Staff for Rep. Donnie Berthiaume and Tuesday, Feb. 18, from 10 to 11 a.m. with Lucas McDiarmid, District Director for Sen. Anne Gobi.

Brown Bag will be held on Friday, Feb. 14, at 10:30 a.m. Participants will have until the end of business hours (4 p.m.) to pick up their bags. Other Brown Bag dates include: March 13, April 10 and May 8. For more information on the applications process or to volunteer, people may contact Maire Bresnahan at 413-967-9645 ext. 502.

The week of Feb. 18-21 is International Week at the Ware Senior Center Lunch Counter. Each day is a culinary sample from a different country, including Italy, United States, Ireland and Israel.

Professional foot care by Diane DeWan, LPN, will be held

Wednesday, Feb. 19, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Care includes assessments, toenail trimming, corn and callus sanding, gentle massage and plans for problem area. The cost is \$27 per visit, or \$40 for non-insulin dependent diabetics. To schedule an appointment, people may call the senior center at 413-967-9645.

The Friends of Ware Seniors Inc. will be holding a penny sale at the senior center on Saturday, March 7, from 4 to 7 p.m. Snow date is Saturday, March 14. It is a fundraiser to benefit the Ware Senior Center. Along with the penny sale will be raffle prizes and a 50/50 raffle. Donations of non-perishable food items (please check expiration dates) and other new items may be dropped off at the senior center. For more information about items to be donated, please contact Sue LeBarge at 413-967-3681.

Heritage Hearing Care of New England will perform hearing screenings and hearing aid checks, cleaning or service (any brand) at the senior center on Tuesday, March 31, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. They will be able to check ears for wax buildup with a video otoscope. Hearing aid batteries will be available for \$3 for a package of four. People should call the senior center at 413-967-9645 to schedule a screening at no charge.

# Warren Senior Center news

WEST WARREN — Warren Seniors Silver Screen will present an Elvis classic on Thursday, Feb. 13, at 12:30 p.m. at the Warren Senior Center, 2252 Main Street. Light refreshments will be served.

People of all ages, from children to adults, can discover the owls of New England with Peter Christoph on Thursday, Feb. 13, at 6 p.m. This program is free. Christoph gives a presentation on the secrets to finding and photographing owls in their wild and natural habitats, with stunning photos of his favorite owls combined with stories. This program is sponsored by The Warren Library.

A free information seminar will be held Feb. 19, at 10:30 a.m. regarding senior citizens and their homes. Sue Como, a realtor with Buy Rite Home will be discussing “How to Safe Plan for Aging in Place” where you live. Ways to make your home safer to allow you to stay and not have to move

unless you have a life-changing event. If you do not want to make the move, she will discuss the different possibilities and how to get there. Also being discussed are reverse mortgages with Kristen Walther of Norcom Mortgage and how they could help you achieve your plan to Age in Place by turning your home's equity into cash that gives you extra monies during the month to help reduce worries about how to afford your living costs and/or make your home a safer place to stay.

February birthdays will be celebrated at the senior center on Thursday, Feb. 20. Sign up is required, and cut off is Friday, Feb. 14, at 2 p.m. The lasagna lunch will be served at 11:45 a.m. Entertainment is by Dave Calucci. This program is supported in part by a grant form the Warren Cultural Council, a local agency that is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

# Share the love of art on Feb. 15

WARE – Come feel the love at ArtWorks in February, when several of the area's favorite local artists share the love stories that inspired some of their works. Enjoy a rare glimpse behind the canvas, and find out how these artists turned their love stories into remarkable works of art.

Bring your sweetheart and join us for a special Valentine-themed artists' reception on Saturday, Feb. 15, from 5 to 7 p.m. Light refresh-

ments will be served.

The artists' work will be on display as well as their stories from Jan. 31 through Feb. 27 at ArtWorks Gallery, 69 Main St. in Ware. ArtWorks is open on Fridays from 3 to 7 p.m., Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m. To learn more about ArtWorks, go online to [workshop13.org/gallery](http://workshop13.org/gallery), call 413-277-6069 or email [art-works@workshop13.org](mailto:art-works@workshop13.org).

# Ware Public Schools tiered focused monitoring review

WARE – During the week of March 9, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's Office of Public School Monitoring will conduct a Tiered Focused Monitoring Review of Ware Public School District.

The Office of Public School Monitoring visits each district and charter school every three years to monitor compliance with federal and state special education and civil rights regulations. Areas of review related to special education include student assessments, determination of eligibility, the Individualized Education Program Team process, and IEP development and implementation. Areas of review related to civil rights include bullying, student discipline, physical restraint, and equal access to school programs for all students.

In addition to the onsite visit, parent outreach is an important part of the review process. The review chairperson from the Office of Public School Monitoring will send all parents of students with disabilities an online survey that focuses on key areas of their child's special education program. Survey

results will contribute to the development of a report. During the onsite review, the Office of Public School Monitoring will interview the chairperson(s) of the district's Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC). Other onsite activities may include interviews of district staff and administrators, reviews of student records, and onsite observations.

Parents and other individuals may call Sandra Hanig, Public School Monitoring Chairperson, at 413- 314-6707 to request a telephone interview. If an individual requires an accommodation, such as translation, to participate in an interview, the Department will make the necessary arrangements.

Within approximately 60 business days after the onsite visit, the review chairperson will provide the district with a report with information about areas in which the district meets or exceeds regulatory requirements and areas in which the district requires assistance to correct or improve practices. The public will be able to access the report at [www.doe.mass.edu/pqa/review/cpr/reports/](http://www.doe.mass.edu/pqa/review/cpr/reports/).

# Ware nomination papers available through Feb. 24

WARE – Town Clerk Nancy Talbot has announced that the last date to obtain and submit nomination papers is Monday, Feb. 24. All incumbents (listed as follows) have been notified of their term expirations.

The following peoples' terms are up:

Board of Selectmen, John Carroll and Tracy Opalinski. Carroll announced at the Jan. 7 selectmen's meeting he will not seek re-election after serving for nine years; School Committee, Aaron Sawabi;

Board of Assessors, Theodore Balicki; Board of Health, John Desmond, Park Commissioner, William Imbier; Cemetery Commissioner, Ryan Maslak; Planning Board,

Frederick Urban and Ware Housing Authority, Henrietta Devlin

The following offices will appear on the Annual Town Election Ballot:

Board of Selectmen, three-year terms, two positions open; School Committee, three-year term, one position open; Board of Assessors, three-year-term, one position open; Board of Health three-year term, one position open; Park Commissioner, three-year term, one position open; Cemetery Commissioner, three-year-term, one position open; Planning Board, five-year term, one position open and Ware Housing Authority five-year term, with one position open.

# St. Patrick's Day dinner, March 14

WARE – Trinity Trinity Episcopal Church, at the corner of Park and Pleasant streets, will hold a traditional St. Patrick's Day Dinner, on Saturday, March 14, from 4 to 6 p.m., at the church. There will be corned beef and cabbage, potatoes, carrots, rye bread and homemade desserts. A donation of \$12 for adults,

\$10 for seniors over 65, and free for children 5 and under. Eat in or take out. Please call 413-967-6100 for more information and to make reservations. Bring family, friends and neighbors for an enjoyable time and a delicious meal cooked by members of the parish. All proceeds benefit the mission and ministry of the parish.

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**THE LOCAL SALVATION ARMY SERVICE UNIT** offers support to families in the Ware/Warren area. Services include helping families find information on utility shut offs, food/clothing referrals, and fuel assistance. If you are in need of information and would like to make an appointment, call 413-277-5432.

**THE CLOWNING FOR KIDZ FOUNDATION** is seeking individuals and businesses interested in sponsoring a decorative balloon on their clown bus. For a \$50 tax-deductible donation the balloon will feature the sponsor's name and contact information prominently displayed and seen by thousands of event spectators across New England. For more information, please contact Jim Allard at 413-454-7234.

**WARE BOY SCOUT TROOP 281**, sponsored by Ware AMVETS Post 2577, meets every Tuesday from 6 to 7:15 PM at Shriners Hall. New members in grades 5- 11 are always welcomed. Contact Dan Flynn at 413-297-5886 or [scoutdad281@charter.net](mailto:scoutdad281@charter.net).

**WARE FAMILY CUB SCOUT PACK 520**, sponsored by Earl A. Howe American Legion Post 123, meets every Tuesday from 5:30 to 6:30 PM. The Cub Scout Pack is for boys and girls in grades K – 5. Please contact Cubmaster Chris Boos at 413-345-0448 for more information.

**WARE CUB SCOUT PACK 239** meets every Tuesday from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. at All Saints Church on North Street. The pack is now chartered by All Saints Church. New members always welcomed. Contact David Hartman at 413-967-8711.

**DROP-IN PLAY GROUP IN WARE FAMILY CENTER** at 49 Church St. for ages birth to five. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:30-11:30 a.m. For more information, call United Church of Ware at 413-967-8127.

**WARE AND WARREN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TASK FORCES** have a Community

Input line at 413-758-0605 (toll-free). If you have concerns, advice or input please let us know.

**WARE FAMILY CENTER** offers a drop-in playgroup for children ages 0–5 accompanied by their adult caregivers. Snack is provided. For more information, call 413-967-8127. It is open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9:30-11:30 a.m.

**MILITARY FRIENDS AND FAMILY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP** will be held on the first Sunday of the month at 2 p.m. on the 2nd floor Conference Room, Quaboag Valley CDC, 23 West Main St., Ware. For more information, people may visit [www.careforthetroops-ma.org](http://www.careforthetroops-ma.org), email [berly@careforthetroops-ma.org](mailto:berly@careforthetroops-ma.org) or call 413-563-7282.

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EDITORIAL

Show love to small businesses all year

Small businesses are the cornerstone of any community, creating jobs, spurring growth in our local economy, and giving back to society. In our community, many hold fundraisers and benefits, showing they really are invested in our towns.

In recent years, small businesses have been overshadowed by the holiday hype of “Black Friday” and “Cyber Monday,” which tend to emphasize major big box and online retailers. But our hometown businesses have just as much to offer holiday shoppers. To help spark spending at these important community institutions around the holidays, there has been a nationwide initiative, known as “Small Business Saturday,” which has also helped to raise awareness to the small and independent businesses among us.

These small businesses, however, need our help to thrive all year long, not simply for holiday gift giving.

In Ware, Hardwick and Warren, our small businesses make us the unique community that we are; being owned by our family members, neighbors and friends. Turley Publications itself, which owns The Ware River News, is a small business that’s been family-owned for more than 50 years.

Shopping small and local is the perfect way to take a break from the crowded shopping centers and instead check out the small stores and businesses in our neighborhood. Shoppers will find unique gifts, delicious foods and more to make your day distinctive, fresh and fun. You might even discover your new favorite store or your new best friend, right in your own backyard.

According to the Small Business Administration, there are 28.8 million small businesses in the country, accounting for 99.7 percent of all businesses in the United States. Small businesses were also credited for 64 percent of new jobs created in the country between 1993 and 2011.

In 2016, 112 million people went out and shopped small on Small Business Saturday alone, a 13 percent increase from 2015. It was reported that 81 percent of those who shopped also encouraged their friends and family to the same.

Spending on the “holiday” reached \$15.4 billion.

With your help, our local businesses will thrive all year long. Get involved by helping to encourage your friends and family to “Shop Small.” With Valentine’s Day around the corner, consider the local florist for your bouquets and the local bakery for your sweets, before visiting an online retailer. It’s just as easy to search for a store nearby as it is to order via a website.

After all, these small businesses support your PTO fundraiser, the Boy and Girl Scouts and your hometown newspaper. And they often give without hesitation.

In this season of love and affection, let’s show our small businesses how much we care by supporting them.

GUEST COLUMN

Remembering four heroic military chaplains

During World War II, just 100 miles from an American base in Greenland, at 12:55 a.m. on the frigid night of Feb. 3, 1943, an unexpected explosion, far below the water line, shattered the starboard side of the Dorchester, a United States Army transport vessel. While reeling from a torpedo hit, only six steam-blast foghorn warnings could be sounded to over 900 servicemen, merchant seamen, and civilian workers on board as well as the three escort ships nearby.

On Feb. 2, 1943, three Coast Guard cutters, the Comanche, Escanaba, and the Tampa, were escorting the Dorchester, a SG-19, a 5,649-ton vessel, from Newfoundland to Greenland through the icy waters of the North Atlantic. Earlier that day, the Tampa CGC, with sonar, had detected a submarine.

Hans J. Danielsen, the ship’s captain, knew that German U-boats had attacked other ships and ordered the men to sleep in their clothing and keep life jackets on. But, because of the engine’s heat and the rough-fitting life jackets, many soldiers disregarded the order.

“Abandon ship!” ordered Capt. Danielsen. Power outage. Radio contact gone. Within 20 minutes icy waters would swallow the ship.

The German U-233 blast killed scores of men, and seriously wounded countless more.

GUEST COLUMNIST



JOAN E. B. COOMBS

Last week we took a look at where to best site our gardens. In this week’s column let’s go season by season looking at the plants we can utilize to create outstanding displays.

Spring

Spring-flowering bulbs are at their peak from late March through May. In this part of the country bulbs are planted the fall prior to bloom. Simply dig a hole twice the depth of the bulb you are planting and insert it pointed side up, then back fill. Position the next bulb twice its width away.

Tulips and daffodils are the best, most long-lasting choices for a display garden. You can use different varieties of each within the same bed to extend overall bloom-time to six weeks or more. For example, try single early tulips, Darwin hybrid tulips and single late tulips together for staggered flowers before and after the “main event.” You can also experiment with mixed plantings for added interest and appeal. Pair ‘Gavota,’ a midseason triumph tulip with small-cupped narcissus ‘Barrett Browning’ for a show-stopping symphony. Or, try combining double-early tulips ‘magic carpet mix’ with blue grape hyacinth (Muscari armeniacum). Blooming in unison, they will create lots of garden drama, with the rich, royal blue color of the grape hyacinths literally popping out from the mass of yellow, red, white and pink tulips. Because grape hyacinths are shorter, and a different flower type than the tulips, two additional dimensions of interest are at play.

With blooming behind them, bulbs can be dug up and discarded, or moved to another, less conspicuous part of the yard. Simply remove spent flower stems and replant the rest, tops and all, to that location immediately so that the foliage can ripen and ensure next years flowers. Be forewarned: many tulip varieties are not dependable perennials. Blooms will peter out until the bulb has a chance to replenish itself. For this reason, many professionals don’t bother to use them for more than a single season.

Now that our display gardens are empty, it is time to concentrate on the second and longest season of the gardener’s calendar, summer.

Summer

Summer annuals arrive on the shelves of garden centers and nurseries in early May. While some varieties can withstand a light frost, most should be planted no earlier than Memorial Day in our locale. The options are endless! Choose from trusty old stand-bys, “unsurpassed” proven winners, and even unique heirloom selections.

As long as the plant can tolerate a variety of summer weather conditions (after all, this is New England!), is resistant to most diseases and insect pests, has manageable maintenance requirements, ad has a long season of interest, it can be worthy of placement in your display garden. Surprisingly, there are many such annuals that fit the bill.

Three tried and true annuals that come to mind are marigolds, salvias and zinnias. I can think of no better, brighter or more welcoming palette choice than a combination of yellow, orange and red varieties of these plants positioned at your property’s sun-filled entrance. If you have a part-shade situation, use vivid-toned impatiens, begonias, or coleus instead, for an equally appealing show.

Get maximum enjoyment out of small gardens or container plantings by utilizing any number of proven winners on the market. Bred for unsurpassed growth, flowering and disease resistance, these summer annuals need little maintenance other than watering and periodic applications of fertilizer. In the ever popular purple-blue category try ‘angelface blue’ angelonia, along with strobilanthes dyerianus ‘Persian shield,’ in the middle of a large container. Plant acaevola ‘blue shamrock’ to trail over the front. Veer away from the monochromatic scenario for a minute by placing centaurea gymnocarpa ‘flashy lady,’ a finely-cut silver-leaved foliage plant, as a backdrop and watch the planter and its surrounding landscape come to life!

Over the last several years heirloom plants have made their way out of the annals of history and into our home gardens. Few varieties have proven the test of time like these plants have. As you would expect, most have noteworthy physical characteristics and equally as fascinating lore associated with them. Take ‘Love Lies Bleeding,’ for example, from the genus amaranthus. This dramatic plant draws the attention of passersby with its height, nearly four-feet tall, but more so by its blood-red tassels of tiny flowers that

drape from the top of the plant all the way down to the ground. Did you know that distant cousins of this annual were used to make Amaranth, a grain that was a staple in the diet of the Aztecs? What fun it could be to share enthralling stories like these at your next garden party!

Usually by mid-September our summer display gardens are tired, and frosty mornings are looming. It’s best we empty the beds and get ready for autumn and all of its glory. Plan for this upcoming season with “grand finale” or “last hurrah” in mind.

Fall

Just because the calendar says we are approaching the darkest days of the year, there is no reason to hibernate before we have to. Why not robe your gardens in colors vibrant enough to match the surrounding hillsides? There are a number of cold-hardy plants available during this season of the year to let you do just that.

Get to the garden center early for the best selection of mums, flowering kale and cabbage. Mums are available in every autumnal shade, plus lavender and violet, white and even bicolors. There is also an endless array of flower types to choose from: cushion, button, daisy and decorative, among others. Select plants in bud with very little color showing; these will give you the most bang for your buck. Combine them with flowering cabbage and frilly-leaved flowering kale for a garden that will only intensify in color as the mercury drops.

Some gardeners think ahead by including frost tolerant annuals in their summer plantings. Dusty miller, blue salvia, calendula, sweet alyssum and snapdragons can each withstand a dip below freezing. Rather than remove these plants from the bed come September, add mums and kale to it for a unique combination of flower forms and textures.

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ON THE GARDEN



Roberta McQuaid

GUEST COLUMN

Leadership matters

By Lee H. Hamilton  
Guest columnist

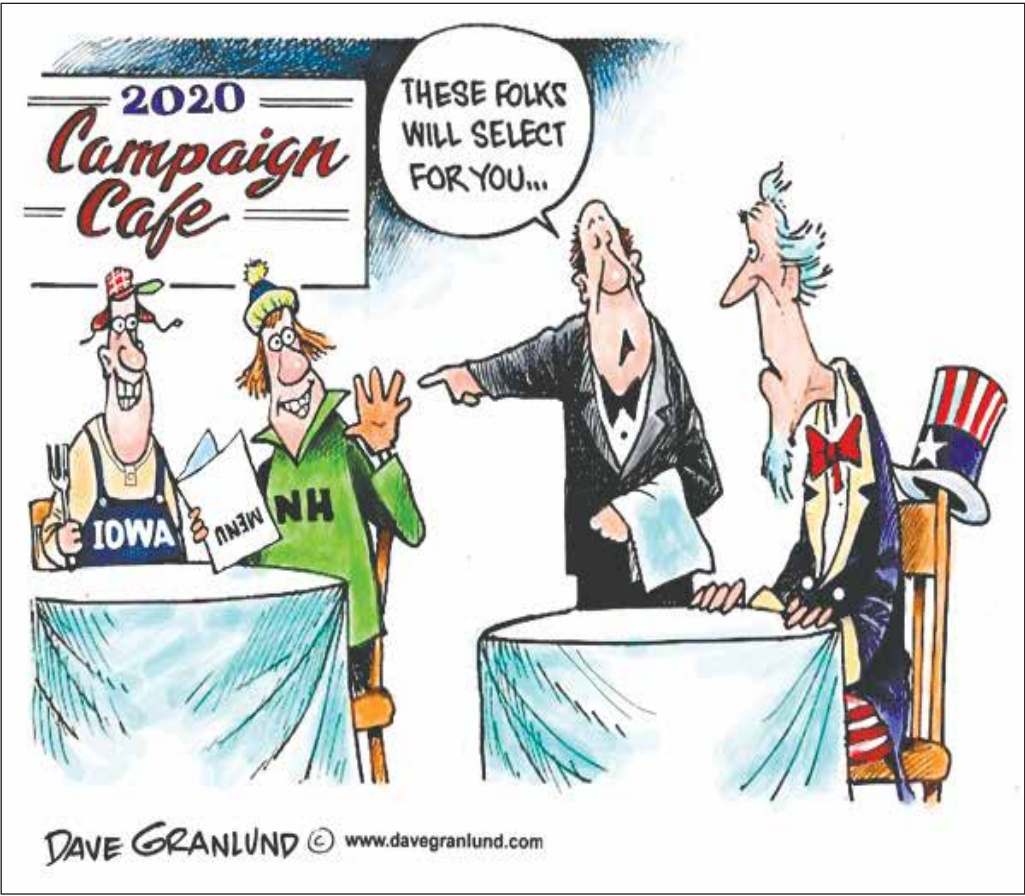
At the time of the American Revolution, the future United States was a small, colonial backwater on the world stage. There were an estimated 2 to 3 million people living here. Yet it somehow produced an array of talented, creative thinkers and politicians — Washington, Jefferson, Adams, Madison, Hamilton, Franklin, and others — who forged this republic we still inhabit.

It’s not just that they began the effort of crafting a new nation. They also designed it: the multiple sources of power, the delineation into federal, state, and local levels, and the idea that there ought to be a balance among legislative, executive and judicial equals. We’ve never really matched the convergence of political creativity and insight produced by that era.

To be sure, there are plenty of what-ifs and caveats. The leaders of that time failed to confront and find a way past the stain of slavery. Their blind spot when it came to the treatment of Indians was just as troubling. And one of the great what-ifs of American history is what this country would have looked like had women been able to hold and exercise political power: What if Abigail Adams, Phyllis Wheatley, Mercy Otis Warren, and Elizabeth Willing Powel — the Philadelphia salon hostess who brought together and often advised the men whose names we all know — had been more than wise counsel?

Nonetheless, when I think of the history of political leadership in this country, I’m struck by how the founders still stand out after almost two-and-a-half centuries. So I’ve been going back to read up on them, and as I do, another thing strikes me: the qualities of leadership I think I discern in their biographies have never really gone out of style. At least, I see reflections of them in my experience of memorable political leaders in our time.

For one thing, above all else great leaders of democracies seek to build a consensus. They’re inclusive. They don’t try to shut people out of the process. They’re good listeners, and not especially interested in coming into a room and trying to dominate it or impress everybody. They ask a lot of questions. They’re



quick to grasp the consequences of problems that have been left unaddressed, and to try to think through the impact of what they’re proposing.

For the most part, they’re articulate: describing problems understandably and approachably is a key part of leadership, as is persuading others that you’re right. They usually think in terms of practical options: what’s the problem, what are the facts, what options do we have for dealing with the problem?

Most of them, though by no means all, know how to deal with people. And many of our greatest leaders have had a kind of energy that most of us can only admire — the sort of drive, perseverance, and wide-ranging breadth of effort that people like John Adams displayed. Politics is not a game for low-energy people.

Especially because leaders are responsible for the performance of the groups they lead. They set the agenda, they identify the problems and issues to be tackled, the priorities for action, and the style: Will it be an inclusive or exclusive effort? Will it be a pure exercise in wielding power or focused on building broad support by identifying the problems and the resources to deal with them, and by forging common ground?

It’s both a paradox and a gift of our sys-

tem that we have a form of government that encourages ordinary people to solve the problems of their communities, states and the nation as a whole, and yet effective leadership is vital. It mattered at our founding, and it’s mattered at every step of the way. Representative democracy is not a spectator sport: we all have to be involved. Yet to get anything done, to harness the collective energy and wisdom of ordinary Americans, we need leaders who possess at least some of the qualities and conscious public-spiritedness of our founders.

I don’t know if we’ll ever produce another generation of leaders like our founding generation. What I do know, however, is that every time we enter a voting booth, we have the opportunity to try.

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SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS

How do I make sure I “file properly?”

By Russell Gloor  
Guest columnist

**Dear Rusty:** I am currently 63-years-old and planning to delay retirement until 70 to maximize my benefit. I’ve been seeing a lot of advertising claims by financial advisors who say you can lose thousands of dollars in benefits if you don’t “file properly.” Is there really anything more to it than simply applying for benefits when you are ready to retire? Do I really need to pay a financial advisor just to tell me how to apply to get the most benefits? *Signed: Skeptical*

**Dear Skeptical:** Nearly all the advertisements you see using language like that have an underlying purpose of trying to sell you something – usually a book, a subscription or financial services. The phrase “losing thousands if you don’t file properly” are very generic words meant to lure you into contacting them so they can sell something to you. The reality is that “filing properly” means simply choosing the right age to file for benefits given your specific personal circumstances. And personal circumstances are different for everyone. There aren’t any tricks in the filing process itself – it’s really quite straightforward, and you can get all your Social Security filing questions answered here at

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As for when you should file, everyone’s personal situation is different, and your marital status should always be considered. But as an individual, waiting until age 70 will give you the maximum benefit available to you. If you are now 63, your age 70 benefit will be 29.3 percent more than it would be at your full retirement age of 66 years and four months, and about 65 percent more than you’d get at age 64. And provided you are in good health and expect at least average longevity (about 84), not only will your monthly payment be more, but you’ll collect more in cumulative lifetime benefits by waiting. And here’s an extra bonus – if you are married and you predecease your wife, her survivor benefit will be based upon that larger amount you were receiving because you delayed claiming. If she has

reached her full retirement age, as your widow your wife will get 100 percent of your actual benefit. But if you were to claim earlier, your wife’s survivor benefit would be based on that smaller amount.

The answer to your specific question is that there is no magical way to apply for benefits once you determine the age at which you wish to file. You can file by calling the Social Security Administration directly, either at their general number, which is 1.800.772.1213, or your local office, which can be found at www.ssa.gov/locator, or you can also file online at www.ssa.gov/retire. Filing online is by far the easiest and most efficient way to complete and submit your application for benefits.

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utility poles and fire hydrants. The plan should address difficulty residents have in accessing and leaving their driveways, visibility at intersections and the passibility of the narrow streets.

One High Street resident, Joseph Bergeron, said he paved his yard so he would have off-street parking for his family and his tenant, but has trouble leaving his driveway when he is driving his large SUV and trailer. He said when he asks those who are parked in the way to move their cars, they are rude and refuse to do so.

Another, with a residence on North Street but a driveway on High Street, said parking is a problem because cars are parked to the intersection, making visibility almost impossible. St. George-Sorel and Crevier said there could be no parking areas 20 feet from the intersections, and on High Street parking spaces could be painted after a parking plan is developed as to how many spaces can fit after driveway access is taken into consideration.

Pulaski Street was discussed because despite one side designated for parking, people park on both sides of the street, impeding traffic and residents leaving or entering their driveways. Residents also complained about speeders, some of whom they said were driving the street at 60 miles per hour and faster. Police have placed a sign that determines motorists’ speeds on the street, which some said was helping somewhat, but others said it just encouraged others to driver faster to see how fast they could go.

Planning and Community Development Director Rebekah DeCoursey suggested narrowing the entrance to Pulaski Street, a fairly wide area, which would help with traffic control, but St. George-Sorel said doing so would cause

other problems. He said fuel trucks providing gasoline to the Speedway gas station on West Street access the property by backing up Pulaski Street to make deliveries to the underground storage tanks. He questioned how the fuel would be delivered if the street were narrowed. DeCoursey said if the narrowing were properly engineered it should work.

Although speed bumps were suggested by residents, they were discouraged by the Fire Department, which uses the street frequently to access Mary Lane, because of the wear and tear on the ambulances, Crevier said.

Crevier, St. George-Sorel and Police Safety Officer Christopher Talbot will develop a plan and bring it back to selectmen on March 17.

Slum and blight

Selectmen asked questions about whether the slum and blight designation has for a large portion of downtown streets has provided additional Community Development Block Grant funds. Town Manager Stuart Beckley said the designation did not provide additional grant money, but it made the funds available to a larger portion of downtown. The area in which CDBG funds could be used was expanded several years ago to more of downtown and to do so had to accept a designation of slum and blight for that area, which residents protested at the time.

Solar moratorium

Selectman Keith Kruckas took Beckley to task for walking a property on Fisherdict Road, which will likely be the site of solar energy farm proposal, recently as there is a moratorium on such projects until the Annual Town Meeting

later this year.

The project has not been submitted to town officials yet, and if it was, it could not be considered until the moratorium ends. The town has been working on revised bylaws on solar energy farms, including where they can be located, which will likely come before voters at the ATM.

Beckley said town officials were walking the property to prepare for economic development in advance of the ATM because it would be unwise to be unprepared. DeCoursey agreed with Beckley and said solar energy company representatives visit her office every week.

Kruckas called their work on such projects “a slap in the face to townspeople” and showed a disregard for residents’ wishes to see the moratorium in place.

Other business

Selectmen approved Irene Eskett to the Council on Aging, and James Baird to the Community Development Authority. They also approved the warrant for the Presidential Primary, scheduled for March 3.

Executive session

Selectmen ended their meeting by voting to go into Executive Session to discuss a complaint about Beckley and litigation by the former fire chief Thomas Coulombe. They conducted a roll call vote to enter the session, although selectman Nancy Talbot did not vote or stay for the session as she has previously recused herself from deliberations about Coulombe as they are friends.

Selectmen Chairman Alan Whitney was ill and did not attend the meeting.

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18 years and older. There will be no class during the week of April school vacation. To sign up for the citizen police academy people may call Amy Reed of the Barre Police Department at 978-355-5005, ext. 500. The class will be limited to 25 to facilitate the hands on portions of the academy.

The website said of the citizen academy, “A variety of Barre police officers will guide you through the many functions of our agency.” At the end of the academy, participants will receive a certificate of completion.

Carbone when he was on the police department in Clinton, Connecticut, and taught and planned citizen police academy classes. Ages ranged from college age to senior citizens. He said even now when he is in Clinton, Connecticut, someone will come up to him say they remember him as he or she attended one of the citizen’s police academy sessions.

The police chief said that he was told there was a citizen police

academy held in Barre in the past. Although this upcoming academy may not be a first-ever for Barre residents, it has been many years since one was possibly held. Carbone said, [the citizen police academy] “was a popular concept in policing.”

The Barre Police Department held a student police academy in the fall for high school students in ninth through 12<sup>th</sup> grades. It was very successful and he and his department will hold another stu-

dent police academy this coming fall. It will be limited to 25 students.

The Barre Police Department also holds “Coffee with a Cop” once a month at the Barre Senior Center and at Stetson School/Seven Hills Foundation. This is a way for police officers to meet residents and or Stetson students, and gives residents or students a chance to ask question and get to know members of the town’s police department.



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**Second Chance community veterinary hospitals are offering a 10 percent discount on dental cleanings during National Pet Dental Health Month. Second Chance operates full-service veterinary hospitals in North Brookfield, Springfield and Worcester.**

Second Chance celebrates National Pet Dental Health Month

NORTH BROOKFIELD – February is National Pet Dental Health Month and Second Chance Animal Services is reminding pet owners to check their pet’s teeth. Like in humans, dental health plays an important role in the overall health of pets. Dental issues can greatly affect a pet’s quality of life.

Second Chance Medical Director Dr. Amy Alwood encourages pet owners to be aware of any changes to their pet’s dental health. “Bad breath is one of the more obvious symptoms, but excessive drooling, discolored teeth, changes in appetite or even dropping food when eating can be cause for concern.” Alwood recommends taking a pet to see the veterinarian whenever owners notice these or any changes in a pet’s behavior.

Brushing is an important part of maintaining good dental health and veterinarians recommend starting early so pets are accustomed to getting their teeth brushed. Dental treats can also combat tartar, but Alwood cautions pet owners to follow the suggested serving size. “Too

much of a good thing can be bad when it comes to any treats.”

During the month of February, all Second Chance Community Veterinary Hospitals are offering a 10 percent discount on dental cleanings. Interested pet owners should call one of the nonprofit hospitals for more information on scheduling a dental consult. Second Chance operates full-service veterinary hospitals in North Brookfield, Springfield and Worcester.

Second Chance is a nonprofit organization that began in 1999 in East Brookfield and relies solely on donations from grants to operate. The organization operates an adoption center in East Brookfield, community veterinary hospitals in North Brookfield, Springfield, and Worcester. Second Chance helps over 40,000 pets a year through adoption, spay/neuter, veterinary care, community outreach, educational outreach programs, training and a pet food pantry. For more information, visit Second Chance’s website at www.secondchanceanimals.org.

CHAPLAINS from page 4

Others groped in the dark traumatized. When men got topside, blasts of ice-cold Artic air brought shivering reality. Lifeboats became overcrowded. Some capsized, and some survived.

However, the Coast Guard Cutter Comanche saw the explosion’s flash; it “responded and then rescued 97 survivors. The CGC Escanaba circled the Dorchester, rescuing an additional 132 survivors.” (Four Chaplains Memorial Foundation.)

“Throughout the chaos four Army chaplains brought hope in despair and light in darkness,” survivors said. While spreading out among the soldiers, they tried to “calm the frightened, tend the wounded and guide the disoriented toward safety.”

Those chaplains were: Lt.

George L. Fox, a Methodist; Lt. Alexander D. Goode, a Jew; Lt. Clark V. Poling, a Dutch Reformed, and Lt. John P. Washington, a Roman Catholic.

The son of Reverend Fox, Wyatt R. Fox says, “Witnesses of that terrible night remember hearing the four men offer prayers for the dying and encouragement for those who would live.”

Survivor Private William B. Bednar, while floating in debris, “could hear men crying, praying... And could also hear the chaplains preaching courage. Their voices were the only thing that kept me going.” Another sailor, Petty Officer John J. Mahoney, tried to get his gloves. Rabbi Goode stopped him saying, “Never mind...I have two pairs,” and then he gave Mahoney his gloves (www.fourchaplains.org).

As life jackets were being distributed, engineer Grady Clark saw

East-West Passenger Rail Study public meeting, Feb. 12

SPRINGFIELD – The Massachusetts Department of Transportation is inviting the public to a meeting on the East-West Passenger Rail Study on Wednesday, Feb. 12, from 6 to 8 p.m. , at the UMass Center at Springfield, in classroom 014 of Tower Square, 1500 Main St.

Please join MassDOT at the second public meeting on the East-West Passenger Rail Study. The study is examining the costs, benefits and investments necessary to implement a range of passenger rail service alternatives from Boston to Springfield and Pittsfield, up to and including high speed rail. The goal of the meeting is to:

Inform attendees about the study’s analysis of six preliminary alternatives for improving connectivity and mobility in the East-West Corridor

Gather feedback from attendees about the six preliminary alternatives and what they would like to see in the three final rail service alternatives that will be analyzed further

The meeting will begin with a presentation at 6 p.m., following by time for questions and answers.

If attendees want to park in the Tower Square garage, parking will be validated at \$5 per car. Meeting attendees can park on all levels, but are encouraged to park on Level A.

Please visit the website to learn more: www.mass.gov/east-west-passenger-rail-study.

For those who cannot attend the public meeting, all meeting materials will be posted online and feedback will be accepted via email.

For study questions or comments, please email MassDOT Project Manager Makaela Niles at Makaela.Niles@dot.state.ma.us.

a courageous and compassionate sight. When no life jackets were left, the four chaplains took off theirs and gave them to others. One of the survivors, John Ladd, who witnessed the chaplains’ sacrificial acts, said, “It was the finest thing I have seen or hope to see this side of heaven.”

Only months before their fateful trip, the four chaplains had reunited at Camp Myles Standish in Taunton.

Reportedly as the ship slipped beneath the sea, survivors from the safety of nearby rafts “saw the four chaplains with arms linked and braced against the slanting deck. Their voices could be heard offering prayers.”

Sacrificial brotherhood, courage, commitment and compassion in action; as we remember the heroic examples of those four chaplains, may we exemplify their actions.

horse nonprofits, she said.

The set of 10 blank note cards, priced at \$25, includes five different signed images and essays from throughout the rescue’s history.

Checks should be made out to Susan Tilton Pecora and sent her at P.O. Box 195, Thorndike, MA, 01079. Note cards can also pay via PayPal at sess7@comcast.net. Please note on checks or on PayPal payment how many sets of cards are being ordered.

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# A healthy heart begins with a primary care provider

WARE – February is National Heart Month, a perfect time to take charge of your heart health and a primary care provider is a great place to begin.

“Heart problems can happen at any age so you are never too young or too old to begin taking care of your heart,” said Dr. Mario Lysse, a primary care provider at Baystate Medical Practice - Quabbin Adult Medicine in Ware. “A healthy lifestyle at any age can help prevent heart disease and lower your risk for a heart attack or stroke.”

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, risk factors can increase your risk for heart disease. Some risk factors cannot be controlled, such as your age or family history, but you can take steps to lower your risk by changing the factors you can control like high blood pressure, high cholesterol and smoking.

“The good news is that it is possible to decrease your risk of heart disease by making changes in the way you live your life,” said Lysse. “Even if you have a family history of heart disease, the power of prevention is on your side.”

Research shows that when people regularly see their primary care providers their risk of dying of heart disease, strokes and cancer declines.

“Maintaining a healthy lifestyle is the first step to a healthy heart,” said Lysse. “Choosing healthier foods and exercising are two of the best ways to contribute to good heart health. Regular exercise is an important way to lower your risk of heart disease. Exercising for 30 minutes or more on most days can help you lose weight, improve your cholesterol, and even lower your blood pressure. Two 15-minute segments of exercise or three 10-minute segments still count as

30 minutes, said Lysse. “Just make sure the activity is vigorous enough to raise your heart rate.”

Primary care providers are familiar with patients’ medical history, including reactions to medications, personality and lifestyle and treatment preferences, said Lysse.

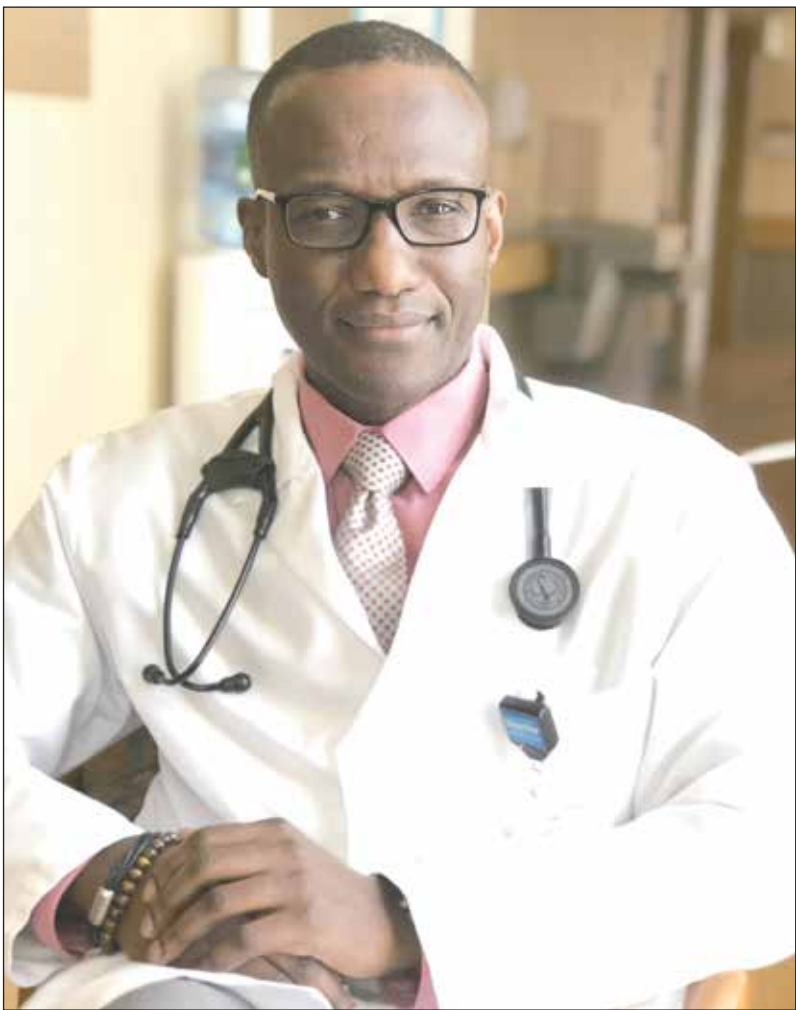
“We can help to determine your risk of cardiovascular disease through a routine exam and testing, and can recommend lifestyle changes, prescribe medications and refer you to a specialist if needed. If you need to lose weight, quit smoking, or reduce stress, we can suggest additional resources such as support groups, reading material, or if appropriate, medications or aids that can help,” he said.

A primary care provider may note after an exam that a patient should have your heart checked a little more closely by a cardiologist. Or it could be that a patient’s personal or family history warrants an exam by a physician who focuses on the heart to keep you healthy.

“If you need to be referred to see a cardiologist, your primary care provider will remain a part of your care team,” said Dr. Brian Laliberte, chair of cardiology at Baystate Wing Hospital.

Keeping your heart healthy is truly a team effort and Dr. Brian Laliberte, Dr. Zachry Zichittella and nurse practitioners Grace LaValley and Gina Zichittella, provide comprehensive cardiology care at Baystate Wing Cardiology, located at Baystate Wing Hospital in Palmer.

For those that don’t have a primary care provider, the best time to choose a doctor is before one is needed. Over time, a person’s health care needs may change or a patient may face a new health challenge. The relationship a patient has with their healthcare provider,



Dr. Mario Lysse

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who knows them and their medical history best can lead to a better overall outcome that will protect their health.

“It’s no accident that we celebrate National Heart Month and the holiday that honors love, Valentine’s Day, during the same month,” said Lysse. “The best way you can show appreciation to the people you love is to make an appointment to see your primary

care provider to start you on the path to a healthy heart.”

Lysse joins Dr. Kalyan Pundla and nurse practitioner Hilary Hayden-Moryl providing care at Baystate Medical Practice -Quabbin Adult Medicine, at 83 South Street in Ware. For more information or help in finding a primary care provider call 413-794-5412 or visit Baystatehealth.org.

# Westfield Bank’s Future Fund awards grants to nonprofits

WESTFIELD – Westfield Bank has announced that The Future Fund, a philanthropic endeavor dedicated to supporting local 501c3 organizations that have a positive impact on the region’s educational, recreational, cultural and social wellbeing, awarded more than \$300,000 to more than 40 organizations in western Massachusetts and northern Connecticut in 2019.

Grant recipients included the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Westfield; Domus, Inc.; Farmington Valley YMCA; Friends of the Holyoke Soldiers Home; Girls Inc. of the Valley; the Boys & Girls Club of Chicopee; Junior Achievement of Southwest New England; Make-A-Wish Massachusetts and Rhode Island; Spirit of Springfield; and the YMCA of Greater Westfield.

According to James C. Hagan,

president and CEO of Westfield Bank, the Future Fund awards hundreds of thousands of dollars in grants each year to qualifying organizations whose applications are accepted. “There are so many people and groups in our communities that have devoted themselves to making life better for all of us, and especially the young people who represent our future” said Hagan. “We know that supplying needed services presents financial and logistical challenges that grow with each passing year. The Future Fund, and Westfield Bank, are dedicated to providing needed support to worthy organizations that enrich and define life in the towns and cities we serve.”

Westfield Bank established The Future Fund in 2002 in response to pressing community needs and

shrinking sources of corporate philanthropy. The Future Fund’s primary, but not exclusive, funding priority is to fund projects that benefit children. The Future Fund accepts written applications from organizations with 501c3 status that serve Westfield Bank’s market area, with grants awarded by determination of the Fund’s directors. The deadline to submit 2020 grant applications is Tuesday, March 31. More information, including guidelines, eligibility rules, and a downloadable grant application form, is online at westfieldbank.com/about/future-fund.

In addition to The Future Fund grants, Westfield Bank contributed over \$400,000 to help sponsor community and performing arts events, youth sports teams, fundraisers, and more. The Bank also donated over \$500,000 to local organizations via


the Chicopee Savings Charitable Foundation, an affiliate of Westfield Bank. In total, Westfield Bank provided over \$1.2 million in local and regional philanthropic support in 2019.

Westfield Bank is a federally chartered thrift that is insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. Founded in 1853, the Bank has 22 full-service offices in Agawam, Chicopee, East Longmeadow, Feeding Hills, Holyoke, Ludlow, South Hadley, Southwick, Springfield, Ware, Westfield and West Springfield; and Enfield and Granby, Connecticut. In addition, the bank has announced plans to open branch offices in Huntington and West Hartford and Bloomfield, Connecticut. The three new offices are scheduled to open in 2020.



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# Scout ice fishing derby moved to Feb. 16

WEST BROOKFIELD – West Brookfield Boy Scout Troop 118 will hold its 44th annual Memorial Ice Fishing Derby on Sunday, Feb. 16, from 7:30 a.m.- 3 p.m., on Lake Wickaboag. It was originally going to be held this Sunday, but it has been moved to Feb. 16.

Tickets are \$1 and are available from any Scout. It entitles each entrant to register a fish and participate in door prize drawing. Door prizes have been donated by local businesses and groups.

The prizes are for adults, four \$50 prizes - largest pickerel, bass, perch and pout. The prizes for youth under 15 are first, second and third place trophies in each category of pickerel, bass, perch and pout.

Awards and door prize drawings will be at 3 p.m.

Derby proceeds help pay for Scouts to attend summer camp at Treasure Valley Scout Camp.

This event held in memory of Mark Cook, Peter Coulthard, J. Irving England, Michael Higgins and Dick Shepardson.

# New technology helps cardiac patients

## Monson woman first to have device at Baystate

SPRINGFIELD – A transformative new technology, the CardioMEMS system, now available at Baystate Medical Center, is reducing hospitalizations and improving quality of life.

Patients living with heart failure, also known as congestive heart failure or CHF, are constantly trying to guess how their heart is doing based on how they feel. Common symptoms like shortness of breath or fatigue could be a sign of a serious heart failure exacerbation, or something as simple as a common cold. The CardioMEMS system takes the guesswork out of managing heart failure.

“The CardioMEMS device is truly a game changer and is now offered to patients in consultation with our Advanced Heart Disease Program at Baystate Medical Center,” said cardiologist Dr. Leeor Jaffe, of the Heart and Vascular Program at Baystate.

The Baystate Heart and Vascular Program offers a collaborative team approach to patients who may benefit from CardioMEMS implantation led by advanced heart disease specialist Jaffe and interventional cardiologist Dr. Gregory Giugliano. The team works together to identify appropriate patients, implant the device and then tailor medical therapy to optimize heart failure.

“One of the biggest challenges in treating heart failure is identifying patients who are retaining excess fluid and treating them before they end up in the hospital. Prior to CardioMEMS we mostly relied on patients letting us know when they were feeling worse, often too late. Now, we can treat fluid buildup even before it becomes symptomatic,” said Jaffe.

The CardioMEMS system uses a penny-sized wireless sensor that is implanted into one of the arteries in the lung during a 30-minute, minimally invasive procedure. The sensor measures pressure in the heart and the patient leaves the hospital with a home unit, which transmits readings from the sensor directly to the heart failure clinic.

“It’s like putting in an early warning system that alerts doctors if things are headed in the wrong direction. We can then make the appropriate medication changes to correct the problem,” said Giugliano, director of the cardiac catheterization laboratory at Baystate Medical Center.

According to research presented at the American College of Cardiology’s 68th annual Scientific Session last March, in

the year following placement of a CardioMEMS heart failure sensor, patients experienced a nearly 60 percent reduction in hospitalization for heart failure.

One of those patients benefiting from reduced hospitalizations is Janice Rice, of Monson, who was the first patient to have the device implanted at Baystate.

A native of Connecticut, who moved to Tennessee for 13 years before returning to New England, Rice has a long history of heart disease beginning with atrial fibrillation, a type of irregular heartbeat that increases stroke risk. For this reason, patients with atrial fibrillation are often prescribed a blood thinner. However, Rice developed bleeding issues with this medication. Cardiologists at Baystate recommended the WATCHMAN device to Rice, another state-of-the-art minimally invasive procedure that can reduce the risk of clot formation in the heart and lowers the risk of stroke. Baystate Medical Center is the only hospital in western Massachusetts which currently offers the WATCHMAN device.

“I’ve been in and out of the hospital, both Baystate Wing Hospital and Baystate Medical Center, with complications of heart failure since returning to the area,” Rice said.

It was while in Baystate for the WATCHMAN procedure that Rice and her nearly monthly hospitalizations for heart failure came to the attention of Jaffe, who recommended CardioMEMS.

“He reviewed my records and told me I would be a good candidate for CardioMEMS and asked if I was willing to undergo the procedure. I told him, ‘You betcha! At this point I am willing to try anything to stay out of the hospital,’” Rice said.

“I have lost 60 pounds and no longer have any shortness of breath. CardioMEMS has been a miracle for me. Dr. Jaffe saved my life,” she added.

Baystate Medical Center has the only comprehensive Heart Failure Management Program in Western Massachusetts involving assessment by a cardiologist who specializes in heart failure with treatment based on national guidelines and the latest research. The program offers heart failure specific support and access to care, individualized nutrition counseling, education for patients and caregivers, supervised exercise programs, collaboration with visiting nurses and home care teams, and participation in current research trials.

To learn more about Baystate Medical Center’s life-saving cardiac capabilities, visit baystatehealth.org/heart, or to make an appointment with a Baystate cardiologist, call 413-794-2273.

# Top Floor Learning holds monthly game nights

PALMER – Top Floor Learning will hold monthly game nights on Feb. 11, March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14, Aug. 11, Sept. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 17 and Dec. 8, from 6 to 7:45 p.m., at the Palmer Public Library. There is no fee and no registration is required. Participants must be 16 or older, unless accompanied by an adult.

Board games and card games are provided or bring your own Scrabble, cribbage, Monopoly, Uno, chess, checkers, Yahtzee, bridge, Skipbo, Crazy 8s, Hearts, Dominos or other games.

Anyone with questions is encouraged to call 413-283-2329, or email palewis19@yahoo.com.

# Lake Wickaboag announces its first ice-out contest

WEST BROOKFIELD – Lake Wickaboag Preservation Association is sponsoring its first annual Ice Out Contest. Contestants can submit their guesses for the date and time the ice will leave the lake

this winter/spring. The closest entry to the actual date and time will be declared winner. See the LWPA website lake-wickaboag.com for details, prize information and an entry form.

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STUDENT ACHIEVERS

Saint Michael's College sall 2019 dean's list

COLCHESTER, VERMONT – The following local student were named to the dean's list at Saint Michael's College for the fall 2019 semester: Catherine E. O'Donnell, a junior international relations and education studies major from Warren. She is a graduate of Quaboag Regional High School.

Local student makes WPI dean's list

WORCESTER – Worcester Polytechnic Institute has announced that Shelby Tweedie, of Ware, a member of the class of 2023 majoring in biomedical engineering, was named to the university's deans list for the fall 2019 semester.

Students named to Fitchburg State University's dean's list

FITCHBURG – Fitchburg State University President Richard S. Lapidus has announced the students who qualified for inclusion on the dean's list for the fall 2019 semester including Dennis M. Pikul, of Hardwick, and Cameron B. Barnes and Ashley M. Grant, of Ware.

Student named to Lehigh University's dean's list

BETHLEHEM, PENNSYLVANIA – Ethan Hill, of Ware, was named to the dean's list at Lehigh University for the fall 2019 semester.

Local student named to dean's list

CONWAY, SOUTH CAROLINA – Coastal Carolina University students were named to the dean's list for the fall 2019 semester, including Dakota Barnes, of Ware, Massachuett's, who is an exercise and sport science major.

Student makes dean's list

HAMDEN, CONNECTICUT – The following student was named to the Quinnipiac University's dean's list: Elizabeth Gerulaitis, of Ware.



Turley Publications courtesy photo The UMass Opera program at will present Mozart's classic opera, "The Magic Flute," K. 620 on Friday, Feb. 21, at 7:30 p.m. and again on Sunday, Feb. 23 at 3 p.m. in Bowker Auditorium.

UMass Opera to Present Mozart's The Magic Flute

AMHERST – The UMass Opera program at the University of Massachusetts Amherst Department of Music and Dance will present Mozart's classic opera, "The Magic Flute," K. 620 on Friday, Feb. 21, at 7:30 p.m. and again on Sunday, Feb. 23 at 3 p.m. in Bowker Auditorium. The performances will be sung in the original German, but with English dialogue and supertitles projected above the Bowker Auditorium proscenium. "The Magic Flute" was first performed in 1791, only a few weeks before Mozart's untimely death at age 35. His close friend, Emanuel Schikaneder, provided the libretto; the work stands today as one of the most beloved and frequently performed operas in the canon. Students from the department's Opera Workshop have been in

Warren students make dean's list

BEVERLY – Endicott College released its fall 2019 dean's list, which included Kaelyn, Keith and Sonia Sieger, of Warren.

University at Albany announces Dean's List

ALBANY, NEW YORK – The University at Albany has announced the dean's list for the fall 2019 semester, which included Lisa Swift, of Ware.

Local resident makes dean's list

BOSTON – Nicholas Monteiro, of Ware, have made the dean's list at Wentworth Institute of Technology for the fall 2019 semester.

Local resident graduates from Framingham State University

FRAMINGHAM - William Simons, of Ware, recently received a master's degree in education from Framingham State University.

Hardwick student named to dean's list

WESTFIELD - Joseph Bertini, of Hardwick, received academic honors at Westfield State University by making the dean's list for the fall 2019 semester.

Local resident graduates from Northfield Mount Hermon

MOUNT HERMON – Grace Briggs, of Hardwick, was among 174 students who recently graduated from Northfield Mount Hermon.

Local residents earn degrees from Clark University

WORCESTER - Several local students recently received degrees from Clark University. Among the recipients are Henry W. Butler, of Hardwick, Jonathan C. Lee, of Hardwick and Faith E. Witkos, of Ware.

Quabaog Historical Society accepting award nominations

WEST BROOKFIELD – The Quabaog Historical Society is currently requesting nominations for the annual Lucy Stone Achievement Award and the Irving and Jane England Award. Each year, the historical society recognizes its most impressive community leaders and volunteers with these two awards, which are presented at the society's annual April luncheon. The Lucy Stone Achievement Award is given annually in observance of the commonwealth's designation of Lucy Stone Day on March 8. Born on Coy Hill in West Brookfield, Stone worked tirelessly throughout her life to obtain equal rights for all individuals. She was a lecturer for abolitionist and equal rights groups, as well as the founder and editor of The Woman's Journal. For the Lucy Stone Award, the Quabaog Historical Society requests nomination letters for any person living in one of the six Quabaog Plantation area towns (the four Brookfields, New Braintree and Warren). Residents are asked to nominate individuals whose volunteer efforts have helped make their communities better places to live. The nominating letters should provide a brief explanation of why the writer believes the nominee is deserving of the award. The name, address and phone number of both the nominator and the nominee must be included in the letter.

"For this award, we are seeking nominees who have done an exemplary job of giving back through community service," said QHS Co-President Amy Dugas, who described the motto of the Lucy Stone Award as honoring residents who make the world a better place. The Irving and Jane England Award, also presented annually by the QHS, is given each year to a resident of West Brookfield who has helped better the community through community service. Nomination regulations for this award are the same as those for the Lucy Stone award. Dugas and other QHS leaders feel it's important to take a few moments each year to honor those

who contribute countless hours to improving their communities. "Those people willing to put in the time and get involved, and make a significant contribution to the community, should be recognized," Dugas said. All nomination entries for the awards should be submitted to the QHS by Wednesday, March 18. The recipients will be invited to attend the QHS annual luncheon meeting on Sunday, April 26. Nomination letters should be mailed to: The Quabaog Historical Society, P.O. Box 635, West Brookfield, MA, 01585.

Creative writing and publishing workshop

WEST BROOKFIELD – The fifth annual creative writing and publishing workshop will be held on Sunday, March 15, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Salem Cross Inn in West Brookfield. Local award-winning author Ed Londergan provides a full day of information. "The workshop will cover the entire writing and publishing process from how to develop ideas, story structure, character development, creation of atmosphere/location, how to put together a chapter, creating authentic dialogue, the flow of the book and how to hold readers interest," Londergan said. "With the great interest local writers have in getting published, I thought it's best to spend more time on that aspect than I have in past workshops. Finding an agent, which is complicated and difficult, will also be addressed." "The purpose of the workshop is to help those people who want to write but don't know where to start, or have had an idea for a story that's been bubbling in their head for years and finally want to put it on paper. I also help people that have written something and need to know how to move ahead." The past workshops have been attended by a variety of people of all ages and occupations from 12-year-old students to 75-year-old retirees, all of whom have a story to tell. "One of the things that past attendees have enjoyed and learned from is the writing exercises," Londergan said, "They write about everything from their

favorite holiday memory to their pets to what they had for breakfast." He uses fun writing prompts for the exercises. "Back-and-forth discussion is always a popular part of the day. Attendees learn from each other. Individual issues or problems anyone is having with their writing are discussed and the group helps them with suggestions and observations. At times, there have been a lot of "that happened to me and here's what I did." The cost is \$95 and lunch is included. The workshop is limited to 20 participants and registration is required. The registration deadline is March 7. To register email ed.londergan@gmail.com or call 508-864-8685.

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HCC expands 'Cooking Confidently' series

HOLYOKE – Holyoke Community College is taking its "Cooking Confidently" series up a notch for the spring 2020 semester. The program of three-hour cooking classes for home chefs will expand to three times a month beginning Friday, Feb. 7, when Chef Tracy Carter will present "Uptown Italian Comfort," from 6 to 9 p.m., at the HCC MGM Culinary Arts Institute, where she will demonstrate how to prepare pork chops scarpellio with creamy polenta and a lemon semolina cake. The next session will be Chef Carter's "Tapas Night" Friday, Feb. 21, followed by "Italian Classics: Back to Naples" Friday, Feb. 28, with Chef Dino Diaz. Each single-session, hands-on "Cooking Confidently" class has a unique culinary theme. Participants will learn how to prepare appetizers, salads, sauces, entrees and desserts, dine on their creations, and leave with leftovers and the knowledge and skills to replicate those recipes at home. All the cooking and baking

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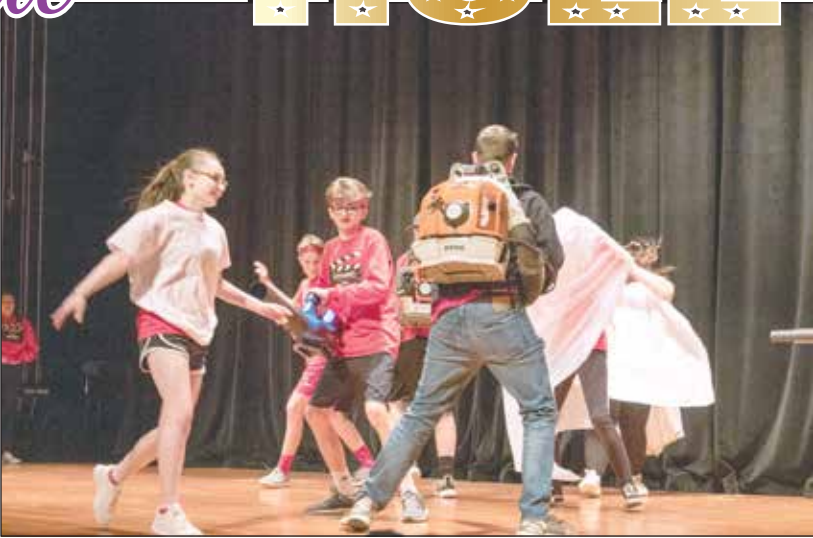


Winter carnival goes

HOLLYWOOD



Freshmen danced and lip synced to songs from the movie “Pitch Perfect” during the lip sync competition at the Winter Carnival.



With songs from famous movies like “Dirty Dancing,” “ET” and “Ghostbusters” – including bringing leaf blowers on stage to catch ghosts – the sophomore class did a movie-themed lip sync.



At the Winter Carnival, the junior class did a lip sync to a medley of songs at the competition like “Forget you.”

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added corn hole to go with kan-jam, which the kids really liked.”

She said rules for certain games changed as well, such as random-izing which game students were selected for the minute to win it competition.

Ware High School Principal Gene Rich said he observed strong enthusiasm from each student at Winter Carnival on Saturday.

“There is a strong energy present, and it’s great to see the effort students put into it,” Rich said. “They want to do well and have fun – and there is a competitive side showing through. It’s fun to see students get together to participate in all types of competitions. We get to see them in a different light than we do in school.”

Juniors Lexie Orszulak and Sadie Poole, each had their own favorite events featured in the Winter Carnival.

“Personally, I like speed ball and cupcake wars,” said Orszulak. “I was one of the people who competed in the cupcake wars this year, and I’m really proud of it. We did a good job and I look forward to the reveal at the dance.”

Poole said she enjoyed the window decorating in the hallway of the High School.

“I worked on the window this year, it was my design that we put up,” said Poole. “It was kind of random, but I got the idea from the move ‘Beverly Hills chihuahua’ which had a car driving in



(From left to right) Members of the Winter Carnival court were sophomores Andrew Soltys, Natalie Cruz; juniors Chelsea Orszulak, Myles McGrail; king and queen Danny Lam, Brooke McCormick; seniors Olivia Wallace, Devin Dulak; freshmen Alisha Perez and Owen Welsh.



Members of the junior class cheer on Jack Tweedie during the dodgeball match on Saturday at the annual Ware High School Winter Carnival.

Hollywood.”

In her first Winter Carnival, freshmen Natalie Silverio said she

enjoyed the spirit of competition among the classes.

“I liked spirit week a lot and

the hard work and competition between everyone,” said Silverio. “I’m really looking forward to the

next three years of this.”

Freshmen Rachel Desjardins said she’s been attending the Winter Carnival since she was a child when her older sisters were attending Ware High School.

“It’s exciting,” said Desjardins. “Spirit week builds up the friendly competition. Dodgeball is always fun. Since I’ve been coming since I was little, I knew what to expect – so that helped.”

Sophomores Emma Emanuel and Nikolas McKinley said they liked the ability to compete with their classmates.

“It’s fun, I like having this event,” Emanuel said. “The coed sports were a lot of fun, I didn’t think I’d get as much playing time as I did. It’s made our class closer.”

McKinley said this is his first year at Ware High School and he liked the close-knit nature of the event.

“It’s nice to have something new I’ve never done before,” McKinley said. “It’s a smaller school here than the one I went to in Florida. Everyone knows each other and are friends. This is a great atmosphere here.”

Senior and Winter Carnival King Danny Lam said the Winter Carnival was bittersweet.

“It’s my last one,” Lam said. “I have so many great memories from over the years, too many to say. I loved being with my bros and I wouldn’t give anything in the world for this experience.”



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# SPORTS



Olivia Vadnais divides the Pioneer defense during a recent game against Pioneer Valley Regional.

## Indians edge Mahar in non-league action



By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

WARE—The Ware girls varsity basketball team clinched a berth in the Western Massachusetts Division 4 tournament with a 50-45 non-league victory at Mahar Regional on Jan. 31.

“We had one of our best wins of the season at Mahar,” said Ware head coach Dan Orszulak. “The key to the game was the defensive job we did on Mahar junior guard Micalyn Mailloux. She came into the game averaging 17 points per game. We held her only five points. We did this mostly by playing several different zone defenses.”

It was the Lady Indians third consecutive win following a four-game losing skid.

The Lady Indians entered this week’s action with a 10-5 overall record. They had a 5-2 home record and a 5-3 road record. They’re also in first place in the Franklin South Division standings with a perfect 4-0 mark.

The Mahar Senators (9-6, 3-2) are in second place in the Franklin North Division.

Junior guard Aidyn Welsh made five 3-pointers against Mahar leading to a game-high 20 points. It marked the third time this season that Welsh scored at least 20 points in a game. She scored a season high 24 points in a home win versus Turners Falls back in December.

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Photos by Jack Cascio NEAP.smugmug.com  
Amelia Bonnayer plows through to the paint.

## Panthers reach 12 wins with pair of victories

By Karen A. Lewis  
Sports Correspondent

BARRE - A pair of thrilling wins for the Quabbin boys basketball team last week including a defeat over Lunenburg 51-48 at home last Friday, and a 41-38

overtime victory on the road last Tuesday against North Middlesex, with sophomore Connor Geary scoring the winning three-point shot at the buzzer, helped to push the Panthers overall record to 12-2.

“Connor has both instinct and intuition about the game of bas-

ketball,” said Quabbin head coach Dennis Dextradeur. “His ability to read defenses and have such a quick release on his shot is an advantage. What is making him a

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## COUGARS STILL IN PLAYOFF HUNT

WARREN – On Thursday, Jan. 23, the Quaboag boys basketball team opened the first end of a boys-girls doubleheader and defeated David Prouty 58-43. The win brought Quaboag to 7-6 for the regular season. Brandon Valentin had 21 points to lead the Cougars. Chris Paquette had 13 points and Alex Worthington added 10 points.



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ABOVE: Drew Martinez goes up for the layup.

RIGHT: Brandon Valentin makes a crafty move in the air.



Derrick Shepherd stops and looks for the short-range shot.



## Western, Central Mass. stand to lose its sectional tournaments

*Editor’s note: This is the second of a four-part series to break down the statewide tournament proposal, what it is, its effect on the Western Mass. region, the challenges, and how your athletic directors and coaches feel about it.*

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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REGION – With the impending vote on a statewide tournament sponsored by the

Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association, one of the biggest things being talked about in our region are the long-term effects it will have.

Agawam High School Athletic Director David Stratton has repeatedly said during the past few months that “Western Mass. loves its tournament.”

Under the MIAA proposal, that would be the biggest impact on the region. There would no longer be a “Western Mass.

Champion.”

The vote to pass the statewide tournament is likely to be successful, many athletic directors feel. This has led the Pioneer Valley Interscholastic Athletic Conference, which is the governing body of high school sports locally, to consider holding its own tournament prior to whenever the state tournament is held.

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## Pioneers keep pace early, but fall to Lions

PALMER – After a decent start early, Pathfinder boys basketball fell behind. They remained in the game thanks to a good third quarter, but ultimately fell 65-56 last Monday night against visiting Ludlow High School. Zach Menard led Pathfinder, which dropped to 3-7, with 14 points. Jordan Talbot had 13 points.



Jordan Talbot gets some serious air as he shoots.



Photos by Lisa Thomas-DuFresne  
Colin Dochtor takes a vertical jump shot.



Nick Beaulieu makes his way down the court.



Sam St. Laurent cross the court and heads for the right side to change up a play.





Members of Quaboag's 1,000-point club are honored at a ceremony held on Jan. 23.

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# Quaboag posts first 1,000-point banner

WARREN – On Thursday, Jan. 23, Quaboag Regional High School put up the first-ever 1,000-point scorers banner in school history. The banner had 25 names affixed to it, beginning with Dave McCarthy, class of 1973, and end-

ing with Quaboag's most recent achiever, Kiarra Dorman. Names on the banner are: Mark Zulkiewicz, Jill Casey, Lisa McCarthy, Steve Wright, Nicole Dequattro, Monica McCarthy, Kelly Wilk, Bob Andrejczyk, Bart Brennan,

Rebecca Berg, Tyler Bacon, Tom Baker, Kelsey O'Keefe, Reilly O'Keefe, Meaghan O'Keefe, Samantha McCann, Thomas Jankins, Jessica Korzec, Will Watkins, Brittany Herring, Jake Wisniewski, and Lexi Paquette.

Past Quaboag basketball coaches are recognized at the ceremony.

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more complete player is his attention and commitment to defense."

He may be a monster on defense, but he certainly is also a threat to opponents on offense, as Geary scored nine important points against the Patriots and led all scorers with 14 against the Blue Knights (3-12) of Lunenburg.

"My teammate Dylan Hoekstra was key when he wolfed the ball from a player on North Middlesex and I picked it up and shot it," described Geary as he set up the scene for the winning play in overtime in league rival territory as the clock evaporated. "It didn't really click in my head what was about to happen until the ball went in the hoop after the buzzer had gone off."

Geary was again critical last Friday night, especially in the fourth quarter when he had a pair of treys to give his host team the first lead of the night against Lunenburg at 42-41, after trailing 33-39 at the top of the period.

Fellow Panther Max Leroux actually helped to set the pace for Geary as he also bucketed a trey in reply to Lunenburg's two in the opening seconds of the final quarter.

"It was an exciting game for the fans and an entertaining one that had us trailing a very good Lunenburg team for most of the contest," said Dextradeur. "But we have shown the ability to never quit and our resiliency is a positive characteristic of this team."

As the minutes ticked away and the visitors were unwilling to go down without a fight, things got slightly dicey when a Quabbin foul was called on Lunenburg's Nicholas Ouellette, who tied things up on the free throw line at 46 all, with just about a minute left.

After Ouellette's second attempt for a point went bad and Panther T.J. Chamberlain pulled down the

rebound, the ball eventually got into the hands of Hoekstra who took the outside shot with 41 seconds left in regulation and got the much needed three points to once again push the team ahead, 49-46.

"I had an open shot and I knew if I missed my teammates would get the rebound, but I made it," Hoekstra said. "It was a competitive game and it came down to which team did more of the little things. My primary job was to set up my teammates for open shots and play solid defense throughout the game."

But it wasn't over yet, as Lunenburg added another two with eight seconds left to go (49-48), then fouling Chamberlain as soon as Quabbin had possession, sending him to the line.

The strategy boded better for Quabbin as Chamberlain hit pay dirt for both shots, pushing and ending the game at 51-48, despite the last ditch effort from the visitors.

"There was an adjustment we made to our defense in going to our tandem sprint match-up zone the second half to change things up that helped the driving ability of Lunenburg," said Dextradeur. "We then switched back to our pack-line defense which is where we feel our strength is. Allowing only 19 points in the second half was key, until our offense began to gel, which we knew it would."

Following behind Geary in points was junior Shea Skowrya with 13, who also brought down 12 rebounds.

"I feel we did well overall, we still have more to work on," Skowrya said. "I started slow on offense, but my defense was keeping me going."

Dextradeur credited Leroux, Hoekstra and Geary for game changing treys, Chamberlain for adding to the win on the free throw line and Skowrya for working hard in the paint, despite getting contin-



Photos by Karen A. Lewis

Panther senior T.J. Chamberlain dives to keep the ball on the court.



Panther Dylan Hoekstra looks to hand off the ball to a teammate.



Quabbin's Connor Geary dribbles down the court.



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uously roughed up. "As a team we had 10 steals and 12 team assists, so we were moving the ball well," revealed Dextradeur. "We outrebounded Lunenburg on the offensive boards 16-7 and that made a difference for our offense. Having 16 turnovers is an area we need to focus on and improve, as Lunenburg converted many of those for what we call free offense."

Dextradeur also credited his team of coaches. "Our approach to coaching is quite different from most programs in that we coach and teach by committee," said Dextradeur. "It's a dynamic and collegial approach that works for us and the players. They deserve much of the credit for our success."



Lunenburg's Sam Seminatore can only watch as Panther Shea Skowrya slams the ball into the net.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Ware High School

<b>Boys Basketball</b>			
Thursday, Feb. 6	<b>Home</b>	South Hadley	7 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 10	<b>Home</b>	Narragansett	7 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 12	<b>Home</b>	Granby	7 p.m.
<b>Girls Basketball</b>			
Friday, Feb. 7	<b>Away</b>	Turners Falls	7 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 11	<b>Away</b>	Pioneer	7 p.m.

### Quaboag Regional High School

<b>Boys Basketball</b>			
Tuesday, Feb. 11	<b>Home</b>	Tantasqua	7 p.m.
<b>Girls Basketball</b>			
Friday, Feb. 7	<b>Away</b>	Tantasqua	5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 11	<b>Home</b>	North Brookfield	6:30 p.m.

### Quabbin Regional High School

<b>Boys Basketball</b>			
Friday, Feb. 7	<b>Home</b>	Littleton	7 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 10	<b>Away</b>	Nashoba	7 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 12	<b>Home</b>	Oakmont	7 p.m.
<b>Girls Basketball</b>			
Friday, Feb. 7	<b>Away</b>	Littleton	7 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 12	<b>Away</b>	Oakmont	7 p.m.
<b>Wrestling</b>			
Saturday, Feb. 8	<b>Away</b>	Bellingham	10 a.m.

### Pathfinder High School

<b>Boys Basketball</b>			
Monday, Feb. 10	<b>Away</b>	Smith Voke	6:30 p.m.
<b>Girls Basketball</b>			
Monday, Feb. 10	<b>Home</b>	Ludlow	7 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 11	<b>Home</b>	Franklin Tech	7 p.m.
<b>Wrestling</b>			
Saturday, Feb. 8	<b>Away</b>	Southwick Duals	9 a.m.



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Chelsea Orszulak (R) controls this rebound with the help of Emma Jacobs (L).

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Welsh was also credited with seven rebounds.

Ware junior Lexie Orszulak posted a double-double against Mahar. She finished the game with 12 points and 10 rebounds.

Junior center Audrey LaValley added nine points.

Junior forward Chelsea Orszulak chipped in with seven points. She also pulled down a team-leading 13 rebounds.

The Lady Indians raced out to an early 12-5 lead, but the score was tied 12-12 entering the second quarter.

Ware was trailing 25-23 at halftime and 36-31 entering the final eight minutes of regulation.

That's when the Lady Indians began their comeback.

A 3-pointer by Welsh tied the score at 45-45. They then took the lead when Lexie Orszulak hit a jumper from the corner.

The Lady Indians, who out-scored Mahar 19-9 in the fourth quarter, scored the final eight points of the contest.

Ware also celebrated a 51-35 non-league home win versus McCann Tech at the beginning of last week.

Welsh paced the Lady Indians with 15 points. LaValley scored 12 points and Chelsea Orszulak added 10 points.



Aidyn Welsh watches her bank shot fly to the board.



Tory Finocchio lunges to retrieve the rebound.



# Olson trey nets win in OT

By Karen A. Lewis  
Sports Correspondent

BARRE - It will be a game Quabbin sophomore varsity basketball player Lauren Olson will never forget.

Coming off the bench to nail the biggest three-pointer of her career thus far, pushing her Panther team in overtime against the visiting North Middlesex Patriots to 50-49 with 13 seconds left last Tuesday evening, sent the hometown fans into a wild cheering frenzy.

“When Olivia (Fay) passed me the ball I was nervous, but also really sure I had to do something to either get a shot off or make someone get a good shot,” explained Olson. “When I looked up I was open, so I decided I’d take the shot and it went in. After the shot I was extremely excited, but I knew we had to get right back on defense because North Middlesex was a good team who could easily come back if we didn’t focus until the very end.”

And with only seconds remaining in the extra period, Quabbin was all about avenging their only league loss, as they fell to the Patriots on the road at the end of December 33-31.

Olson’s teammate and classmate, fellow sophomore Ashley Leighton sealed the deal with the victory, as she added the final point on the free throw line with four seconds left, making it 51-49, improving their overall record to 11-4 (6-1 in Mid Wach C) and sending the Patriots home with records of 6-6 and 3-3 in Mid Wach C.

“North Middlesex was a very tough and important game for our team,” Leighton said, who is excited about her team also qualifying for districts. “They like to shoot from outside. They were a similar team to when we played them before, but I think we came out a lot stronger and really wanted to win the game.”

After leading 20-15 at the half and most of the game, Quabbin earned their biggest spread of nine points in the fourth quarter after a pair of Katie Jablonski and Olivia Fay free throws, with a Leighton basket leading things off to send the tally to 40-31, but the Patriots started to inch back.

Some unfortunate Quabbin fouls that turned into points for North Middlesex and their pounding offense all of a sudden made it a two-point game (43-41) with 27 seconds left in regulation.

However, when one Panther visit to the foul line resulted in two missed shots, Fay was sent to the line when she was fouled going up for a defensive rebound with 4.7 on the clock.

Although Fay was only able to sink one of the two shots, with seconds quickly ticking away Quabbin surely thought they squeaked by with the win until North Middlesex senior Katie Kleeman stunned the crowd with a half court, hail Mary effort that flew in the net, tying the score 44-44 as the buzzer sounded.

With the majority of Quabbin starters either fouled out or in foul trouble, it was up to the rest of the team to step up, and that’s exactly what Olson did when connecting for those important points.

“I’ll always remember that shot because it will remind me to be confident and to do my job,



Photos by Karen A. Lewis

Quabbin senior Laney Shampine leaps for the rebound during the North Middlesex game.

even through all the nerves,” said Olson, who also plays varsity field hockey and softball. “Overall I think the game was one all of us will remember for a long time. The emotions, the hard work and the effort we all had to put in will be in our minds for a long time.”

Leading the night in points was Leighton with a game high 14, with senior teammate Laney Shampine following with 10, and Panthers Julia Hamel and Fay each adding nine points.

“It was definitely a challenge we were ready for,” said Shampine of the North Middlesex rematch, who had to sit for much of the overtime because of foul trou-

ble. “I did not get nervous even the slightest bit because I trust my teammates completely and know that whoever is coming off the bench is ready to work just as hard as the players who are on the court.”

Olson also shared some insight.

“I’ve learned that in order to win you have to work together,” concluded Olson. “That win wasn’t because of one shot at the end of the game, but because of everyone working hard, whether that would be cheering on the bench or giving it your all on the court. Our team played as one that night, and that’s why we won.”



Quabbin junior Julia Hamel reaches in quick for a loose ball.



Panther sophomore Ashley Leighton looks for points on the free throw line.

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Stratton said the PVIAC is working on a proposal to hold some type of tournament. He did not say how it would be structured and how the competition would be separated. However, in order to have time for the tournament, it could cut into the regular season for certain sports. For example, the soccer season, now 18 games, could be lowered to 16 games to make time for a tournament.

One of the many reasons besides the love for the regional tournament, is because of the risk of so many Western Mass. teams having to travel long distances for the state tournament.

The current proposal of a

32-team tournament by the MIAA states the higher seed would host games in the first three rounds with the semifinals and finals at neutral sites.

While it is the impression of skeptics that Eastern Mass. would host most of the games, some projections of how seedings would take shape were tried with the most recent soccer tournaments. According to those projects, teams like Belchertown boys soccer, Ludlow boys soccer, and Minnechaug girls soccer, would all have very high seeds and host a number of games in the tournament.

However, it is still unclear if Western Mass. would get an opportunity to host state semi-

nal and final games. Hosting the state finals was attempted for basketball, and failed due to gate receipts.

Some of the questions still lingering state wide are the increased travel costs for smaller schools. No matter what part of the state a school is in, with tighter school budgets, having to pay bus drivers to transport teams on two to four hour trips could be problematic for schools with smaller budgets and less flexibility on spending. It could lead to larger athletic user fees for student-athletes.

The lingering effects could be seen as the years go on, but only time will tell if a statewide tournament has long-term negative effects on Western Massachusetts.

# MIAA holds diversity summit

FRAMINGHAM – The Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) and the Massachusetts School Administrators’ Association (MSAA) held its third annual Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Summit at Framingham State University on Monday, Jan. 13, 2020. With over 220 attendees representing 65 schools, the 2020 Summit featured eight concurrent workshops covering subjects including: impact of race on daily life, para-sports, inclusive strategies, Unified Champion schools, working to undo bias and end hate, creating safe and supportive schools, making authentic connections, and cultural competency and mental health disparities. Mike Rubin, MIAA Assistant Associate said, “Two goals that we established at the start of this inclusion mission were to promote diversity and encourage participation, interaction and understanding in our increasingly diverse society.”

Summit presenters included members of the MIAA/MSAA

DEI Committee, which consists of school administrators, supporting agencies, and representatives from higher education institutions, as well as individuals from the MIAA Partners in Prevention, a powerful collaborative of public and private prevention agencies initiatives. The Committee and the Collaborative provide extensive support, resources and expertise in the delivery of insight and programmatic initiatives leading to cultural competencies to the membership. At the completion of the workshops, attendees created school action plans, “To Know is to Understand -- Plan For Action” focusing on workshop take-aways such as, “become aware of our own privileges and understand the many ‘-isms’ that exist,” “accept yourself before accepting others,” and “have the discussions that matter, even if they make you uncomfortable.” Rubin, MIAA stated, “The recent DEI Summit was an exemplary blueprint for what the Committee is trying to accomplish.”

The Summit provided two

keynote speakers, Muji Karim, a Paralympic Track and Field Athlete, and Briana Mastel, a member of Boston Pride of the National Women’s Hockey League. Mr. Karim’s message to “see the silver lining” when dealing with obstacles and Ms. Mastel’s encouragement to be a “strong link” and “to help others” are in alignment with the MIAA Wellness Pillar and inclusion message. In addition, Javier Cevallos, President of Framingham State University, and Yvonne Spicer, Mayor of Framingham, addressed the attendees with a warm welcome to the City of Framingham. Rubin stated, “The two keynote speakers and eight amazing presenters shared information, celebrated differences, and engaged attendees to think critically about the totality of Inclusion!”

Summit attendees included Student Leaders, Group Leaders, Coaches, Teachers, Team Captains, Counselors and Administrators.

## T-Birds grab win on back of rookie goalie

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Ice-O-Topes (Thunderbirds) improved to 26-20-2-0 thanks to a 28-save shutout performance from rookie goaltender Ryan Bednard in a 2-0 victory over the Hartford Wolf Pack (26-11-4-5) on Saturday night before a sellout crowd of 6,793 on What If? Night at the MassMutual Center.

It took the Ice-O-Topes less than four minutes to get the sell-out crowd to its feet. After a man advantage resulted in no chances for Springfield, Jonathan Ang took matters into his own hands, receiving a stretch pass on the left wing from Matt Mangene. The second-year pro quickly slammed on the brakes, forcing a Hartford defender to stumble. With extra ice room available, Ang rushed the front of the net before punching a forehand shot through Wolf

Pack goalie Tom McCollum to open the scoring, 1-0, at 3:54.

The Wolf Pack would fire 11 shots in response in the opening period, but rookie netminder Ryan Bednard was on his game early, stopping each of the shots that came his way in the first frame. McCollum stopped eight out of nine Springfield shots on net.

The stalemate continued in the second, but not without a few chances for the Wolf Pack to tie it. Hartford could not take advantage on a second power play past the midpoint of the period, and moments later, after a broken stick slapper by Vincent LoVerde arrived on the doorstep, Matt Beleskey missed a seemingly open net with Bednard battling to get back in front of the shot.

Wanting to add some insurance in the third, Dryden Hunt deflected a shot over the shoulder of

McCollum at the 4:00 mark of the final period to make it a 2-0 game. Mangene picked up his second assist of the night, as his shot got to the front of the net for Hunt’s backhand tip.

From there, Bednard stole the show, including one phenomenal sliding save from post-to-post on Vinni Lettieri near the midpoint of the third. Springfield clamped down and ushered home their second shutout win of the season and the first in Bednard’s AHL career. The rookie goalie is now 3-0-0 with Springfield, having stopped 98 of 101 shots.

The T-Birds embark on a five-game road trip, beginning with a Wednesday rematch in Hartford, the team’s third straight match-up against the Wolf Pack on the schedule.

## Women’s Running Club offering annual clinic

SPRINGFIELD – The Pioneer Valley Women’s Running Club announced its annual nine-week walk-to-run clinic will step off Monday, March 23 from 6 to 7 p.m. at Forest Park in Springfield.

Those interested in the clinic are invited to an information session at 6 p.m. Monday, March 9 in the Business Technology Center of Longmeadow High School, 95 Grassy Gutter Road in Longmeadow.

“The spring clinic is one way we help women learn about running and meet other people who want to be active,” PVWRC President Nicole Collins said. “Many participants have never run before, but after nine weeks, most are ready to run their first 5K.”

Collins said participants will progress from brisk walking to a

combination of walking and running, and then running for 30 minutes. The clinic tends to be popular sporadic runners looking for consistent training partners, she added.

Clinic mentors and trainer Kristin Su will be on hand at the session to explain the program, answer questions and take registration.

Clinic cost is \$75 and includes a one-year membership to the PVWRC, a nonprofit organization affiliated with the Road Runners Club of America. The club supports women walkers and runners by serving as a race resource for information, training partners and topics of interest to members. Clinic proceeds support scholarships to high school seniors.

For more information or to register, email pvwrc1@gmail.com.

## Fresh Air Fund invites families to host urban children for the summer

REGION – Fresh Air summers are filled with children running through the sprinklers in the grass, gazing at star-filled skies and swimming for the first time. This summer, residents are invited to join volunteer host families in the Pioneer Valley Area, and open their heart and home to a Fresh Air child. Each summer, thousands of children from New York City’s low-income communities visit suburban, rural and small town communities along the East Coast and Southern Canada through The Fresh Air Fund’s Friendly Towns Program.

“My first year hosting, I was so nervous and my boys kept saying it would be great. And then by the end, I was in tears. That moment I realized what a special program Friendly Towns is and how impactful it is to our lives and theirs,” Kim Carrico said. “We go to Adventureland with other Fresh Air families, to the pool and keep

in touch during the year. Asah and Jalon have had such an impact on my kids’ lives and my own.” Asah, age 13, of the Bronx, and Jalon, age 14, of Brooklyn, have been visiting the Carrico family in Kings Park, N.Y., for two summers and three summers, respectively.

The Fresh Air Fund, an independent, nonprofit agency, has provided free summer experiences to more than 1.8 million New York City children from low-income communities since 1877. First time Fresh Air children are boys and girls, from 7 to 13-years-old, who live in New York City. Children who are re-invited by host families may continue with The Fresh Air Fund through age 18 and can enjoy extended trips.

For more information about hosting a Fresh Air child this summer, please contact Nuala Sullivan-Wall at 413-519-7909 or visit www.FreshAir.org.

## Art exhibit features work Springfield couple

CHICOPEE – The Borgia Gallery at Elms College features the work of married Springfield painters Andrae and Priya Nadkari Green in a month-long exhibition.

Titled “Ambidextrous,” the exhibit is open for viewing now through March 2 during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day, except college holidays and closures. The gallery is located on the second floor of the Dooley College Center on the campus, 291 Springfield St.

The exhibit celebrates the spirit of competition, collaboration and partnership. Each time the show travels, the work changes, and it is a chance to see their work in conversation with each other – observing similarities, differences and the effect of the two bodies in harmony.

“After working on their individual practices over the past decade or more, Andrae and Priya are now showing their work together for the first time,” Gallery Curator Cecily Hughes said. “The exhibition began at two locations in Springfield last year and continues to various locations in the region, including Elms College.”

The artists have been married for the better part of the last decade and while they work separately in their respective styles, they find inspiration in similar experiences and concepts. The couple recently began working together through public art projects, teaching together, as well as challenging each other to “paint battles” where they both paint at the same time in their own styles.

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public safety

Behind the Lines in Ware

By Melina Bourdeau  
Correspondent

Accident at North and Pleasant Street

On Friday, Jan. 24, ware police received a report of an accident at the intersection of North and Pleasant streets. Police responded to the scene and reported there were no injuries involved in the

two-car accident. Both cars were able to drive from the scene. The accident occurred when one vehicle was traveling on Pleasant Street toward North Street, and T-boned the second vehicle, which was coming down North Street. The operator of the first vehicle told police they stopped at a stop sign but didn’t see the vehicle traveling down North Street. No citation was issued to the driver.

Ware Police Log

**Thursday, Jan. 23**  
12:32 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Pulaski Street - Citation Issued  
2:28 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Street - Criminal Complaint Issued  
10:47 a.m. Trash Dumping Complaint  
12:50 p.m. Fraud Pulaski Street - Referred to Other Agency  
1:21 p.m. Harassment Complaint North Street - Services Rendered  
5:04 p.m. Ambulance Request Glendale Circle - Referred to Other Agency  
5:21 p.m. Accident, Vehicle Anderson Road - Motor Vehicle Accident Under \$1,000

**Friday, Jan. 24**  
8:10 a.m. Harassment Complaint North Street - Services Rendered  
12:34 p.m. Vandalism Otis Avenue - Services Rendered  
2:11 p.m. Ambulance Request Palmer Road - Services Rendered  
3:54 p.m. Accident, Vehicle North Street - Motor Vehicle Accident Over \$1,000  
5:16 p.m. Accident (Hit and Run) North Street - No Police Service Necessary  
10:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Street - Citation Issued

**Saturday, Jan. 25**  
5:44 a.m. Fire, Report Church Street - Referred to Other Agency  
10:17 a.m. Ambulance Request Maple Street - Referred to Other Agency  
11:35 a.m. Assault Palmer Road - Services Rendered  
7:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Vernon Street - Criminal Complaint Issued  
8:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle

Violation West Street - Citation Issued  
8:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Street - Citation Issued

**Sunday, Jan. 26**  
12:36 a.m. Alarm Panic East Main Street - Services Rendered  
10:30 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation East Street - Written Warning  
12:48 p.m. Ambulance Request West Street - Services Rendered  
2:39 p.m. Fire, Report Eagle Street - Referred to Other Agency

**Monday, Jan. 27**  
2:14 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation East Street - Citation Issued  
4:58 a.m. Accident, Vehicle North Street - Motor Vehicle Accident Over \$1,000  
7:46 a.m. Ambulance Request West Street - Referred to Other Agency  
9:03 a.m. Alarm Burglar Short Road - Services Rendered  
11:37 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Gould Road - Written Warning  
1:34 p.m. Vandalism Robbins Road - Services Rendered  
3:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Street - Written Warning  
6 p.m. Ambulance Request Eagle Street - Services Rendered  
8:42 p.m. Missing Person Main Street - Services Rendered  
9:24 p.m. Harassment Complaint Hillside Village - Services Rendered

**Tuesday, Jan. 28**  
1:37 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation North Street - Citation Issued  
4:48 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Warren Road -

Ware Arrests

By Melina Bourdeau  
Correspondent

WARE – From Thursday, Jan. 23 through Thursday, Jan. 30, Ware police arrested one person.

Daniel Tweedie, 54, of 2 Buckley Court, Ware, was arrested on Tuesday, Jan. 28, on a default warrant.

Citation Issued  
5:19 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Warren Road - Citation Issued  
9:11 a.m. Vandalism North Street - Services Rendered  
12:10 p.m. Ambulance Request West Street - Services Rendered  
1:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Church Street - Citation Issued  
6:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Street - Criminal Complaint Issued  
9:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Street - Arrest on Warrant

**Wednesday, Jan. 29**  
5 a.m. Ambulance Request Otis Avenue - Referred to Other Agency  
12:07 p.m. Ambulance Request Pulaski Street - Services Rendered  
1:18 p.m. Fire, Report Church Street - Referred to Other Agency  
2:22 p.m. Ambulance Request Parker Street - Services Rendered  
4:27 p.m. Fraud Monson Turnpike Road - Services Rendered  
5:19 p.m. Ambulance Request West Street - Referred to Other Agency  
6:03 p.m. Accident, Vehicle Upper Church Street - Motor Vehicle Accident Over \$1,000

**Thursday, Jan. 30**  
2:35 a.m. Town By-Law Violation North Street - Citation Issued  
2:39 a.m. Town By-Law Violation School Street - Citation Issued  
5:55 a.m. Ambulance Request Highland Village - Services Rendered  
6:25 a.m. Ambulance Request Maple Street - Services Rendered

Warren Police Log

**Sunday, Jan. 19**  
10:53 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning  
3:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Southbridge Road – Written Warning  
7:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued  
10:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Southbridge Road – Citation Issued  
11:03 p.m. Suspicious Activity Main Street – Officer Spoke to Party

**Monday, Jan. 20**  
7:59 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued  
8:14 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Bemis Road – Transported to Hospital  
7:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued  
8:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued

**Tuesday, Jan. 21**  
8:19 a.m. Larceny A Street – Officer Spoke to Party  
12:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Old West Brookfield Road – Written Warning  
2:49 p.m. Fire, Structure South Street – Fire Extinguished  
5:42 p.m. Harassment Main Street – Officer Spoke to Party

**Wednesday, Jan. 22**  
1:39 a.m. Parking Violation Grove Street – Parking Citation Issued  
8:24 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Southbridge Road – Written Warning  
3:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop High Street – Citation Issued  
5:47 p.m. Fraud Keys Road – Officer Spoke to Party

**Thursday, Jan. 23**  
2:02 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Reed Street – Transported to Hospital  
2:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Old West Brookfield Road – Written Warning  
7:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning  
8:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued

**Friday, Jan. 24**  
6:29 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning  
6:39 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning  
6:31 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Old West Warren Road – Transported to Hospital  
8:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Southbridge Road – Citation Issued  
10:22 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued  
10:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning  
11:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued

**Saturday, Jan. 25**  
9:53 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Southbridge Road – Written Warning  
9:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop South Street – Citation Issued

**Sunday, Jan. 26**  
9:19 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Southbridge Road – Written Warning  
9:49 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Southbridge Road – Written Warning  
10 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Southbridge Road – Written Warning  
10:25 a.m. Parking Violation Main Street – Parking Citation Issued  
11:09 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning  
11:22 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued  
12:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued  
2:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning  
7:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued  
8:01 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued

**Monday, Jan. 27**  
12:26 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Constitution Avenue – Transported to Hospital  
5:52 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop South Street – Citation Issued  
9:37 a.m. Harassment Heritage Drive – Officer Spoke to Party  
10:22 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Southbridge Road – Citation Issued  
12:19 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Reed Street – Transported to Hospital  
1:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued  
5:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning  
5:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued  
6:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning  
6:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued  
6:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Crouch Road – Citation Issued  
7:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning  
8:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning  
8:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued

**Tuesday, Jan. 28**  
9:34 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Southbridge Road – Citation Issued  
3:51 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Main Street – Transported to Hospital  
6:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning

**Wednesday, Jan. 29**  
12:53 a.m. Parking Violation Main Street – Citation Issued  
5:54 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning  
5:54 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Quaboag Street – Transported to Hospital  
4:06 p.m. Fire, Chimney Fire East Road – Fire Extinguished  
7:52 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued  
8:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued  
9:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Mill Street – Written Warning

**Thursday, Jan. 30**  
1:07 a.m. Parking Violation

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High Street – Citation Issued  
6:12 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Southbridge Road – Written Warning  
6:25 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Southbridge Road – Written Warning  
11:57 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Moore Avenue – Citation Issued  
6:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle Erratic Main Street – Transported to Hospital

**Friday, Jan. 31**  
12:19 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Keys Road – Transported to Hospital  
11:38 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Criminal Complaint  
Summons: Shany N. Woolery, 26, Dorchester  
License Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With; Registration Sticker Missing  
8:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued  
9:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued  
10:32 p.m. 911 Transfer Mass Pike – Call Transferred

**Saturday, Feb. 1**  
2:10 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Southbridge Road – Citation Issued  
Summons: James T. Patchkowsky Jr., 49, Warren  
Registration Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With; Uninsured Motor Vehicle; Unregistered Motor Vehicle  
2:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued  
Arrest: Michael P. Chicoine, 28, Three Rivers  
Warrant  
5:05 p.m. Serve Warrant Main Street – Arrest(s) Made  
Arrest: Michael P. Chicoine, 28, Three Rivers  
Warrant  
6:54 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop South Street – Citation Issued  
7:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop East Road – Citation Issued  
7:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Washington Street – Citation Issued  
8 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued  
8:02 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop South Street – Citation Issued  
11:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Southbridge Road Extension – Citation Issued

AAA Foundation offers winter driving tips

New AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety data analysis finds that almost half a million crashes and over 2,000 deaths occur during severe weather and hazardous road conditions annually. This is especially true in the northeastern part of the United States. AAA recommends that all drivers take extra caution and avoid all distractions when driving in winter conditions.

“Rain, snow and sleet can reduce your visibility, making it difficult to safely maneuver or even bring the car to a stop if necessary,” said John Paul, AAA Northeast senior manager of traffic safety. “Everyone needs to be diligent when driving in these conditions, especially if the road is wet or covered in ice or snow.”

The AAA Foundation analyzed 2017 regional data of crashes occurring in adverse weather including what the roadway surface conditions were at the time of the crash. Researchers found that adverse weather and roadway surface conditions were involved in 29 percent of all crashes and 25 percent of all deaths that occurred during the winter (December-February) – much higher than during any other season. In the

northeast, 40.8 percent of all crashes and 32.3 percent of deaths happened during those winter months.

When faced with snowy or icy conditions, AAA recommends:

Stay home. If people really don’t have to go out, don’t. Even if people can drive well in bad weather, it’s better to avoid taking unnecessary risks by venturing out.

Drive slowly. Always adjust the speed to account for less traction when driving on snow or ice.

Accelerate and decelerate slowly. Apply the gas slowly to retain traction and avoid skids. Don’t try to get moving in a hurry and take time to slow down for a stoplight. Remember: it takes longer to slow down on icy roads.

Increase the following distance. Allow five to six seconds of following distance between your vehicle and the one in front of you. This extra space will allow time to stop safely if the other driver suddenly brakes.

Brake very smoothly. Whether you have antilock brakes or not, keep the heel of your foot on the floor and use the ball of your foot to smoothly apply firm, steady pressure on the brake pedal. Don’t

pump the brakes.

Don’t stop if you can avoid it. There’s a big difference in the amount of energy it takes to start moving from a full stop versus how much it takes to get moving while still rolling. If you can slow down enough to keep rolling until a traffic light changes, do it.

Don’t power up hills. Applying extra gas on snow-covered roads may cause your wheels to spin. Try to get a little momentum before you reach the hill and let that carry you to the top. As you reach the crest of the hill, reduce your speed and proceed downhill slowly.

Don’t stop going up a hill. There’s nothing worse than trying to get moving up a hill on an icy road. Get some momentum going on a flat roadway before making your way up the hill.

AAA Northeast is a not-for-profit auto club with 64 offices in Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Jersey, New Hampshire and New York, providing more than 5.7 million local AAA members with travel, insurance, finance and auto-related services.

AAA Northeast to hold high school video contest

AAA Northeast invites high school students living in AAA Northeast territory to participate in the 2020 traffic safety video contest and create a 30 second Public Service Announcement (PSA)-style video to educate motorists of any age on the risks of marijuana-impaired driving.

The grand prize winner will be awarded \$5,000. Contest rules can be found at AAA.com/VideoContest. Video entries should be submitted via www.AAA.com/VideoContest by midnight Monday, April 13. The public is invited to view students’ submissions and “like” their favorite video on that website between April 20-30. The top five videos,

determined by the number of “likes,” will be posted to AAA Northeast’s Instagram account @AAANortheast on May 1 and the video receiving the most “likes” on Instagram by May 4 will be the grand prize winner. The Grand Prize Winner will be announced May 5.

The contest’s goal is to reinforce to young and upcoming drivers that that consuming marijuana in any form, including vaping THC, will impact and impair driving ability. Research demonstrates that driving high more than doubles crash risk. “While the contest is for high school students, the message is relevant for drivers of all ages. Marijuana legal-

ization and decriminalization in many states has led to an attitudinal shift about the drug. Drivers need to understand that driving under the influence of THC can increase crash risk up to 200 percent. Visual media is an engaging way of spreading awareness about important traffic safety issues; AAA is able to offer a platform for students to educate others on the dangers of impaired driving,” said AAA spokesperson Diana Imondi.

AAA Northeast also provides direct education to students in high school health classes through the Shifting Gears: The Blunt Truth About Marijuana and Driving program. This lesson, designed for high school students and endorsed by Brown University’s School of Public Health, highlights the effects of marijuana use on the teenage brain, with a particular focus on the dangers of drugged driving. AAA believes that education about marijuana-impaired driving designed and created by students can be effective in preventing crashes. People may visit www.AAA.com/ShiftingGears to learn about AAA’s free educational program for high schoolers on marijuana impaired driving.

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# obituaries

## George R. Renaud

WARE – George R. Renaud, 92, of Ware, died on Saturday, Feb. 1, 2020 at Quaboag Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center in West Brookfield.

He leaves his three children, Darell L. Renaud, and his wife, Karen, of Valrico, Florida, Gregory P. Renaud, and his wife, Doriann, of Concord, California, Lynn Shea, and her husband, Michael, of Ware as well as his daughter-in-law, Judith Renaud, of Ware; seven grandchildren, James, Cindy, Geri, Jacqui, Jason Karra and Blake, and his sister, Frances Piche, of Ware. George was predeceased by his wife, Dorothy (Berthiaume) Renaud, as well as his



seven siblings, Beatrice, Eleanor, Shirley, Lorraine, William, Robert and Claudette. He was born in Ware, son of the late William A. and Blanche (Mongeau) Renaud, and was a lifelong resident of Ware.

Mr. Renaud was a veteran of the United States Navy during World War II, serving on the USS Dennis J. Buckley. After returning from his service, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps. Following his service with the Army Air Corps, he remained a member of the Army National Guard. He was in active duty as a recruiter for the Massachusetts National Guard, before retiring after 28 years of ser-

vice to our country. He also worked as a police officer for the town of Ware for a number of years, was a member of the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 59, the Vietnam Veterans Association, and enjoyed playing golf.

The family would like to give a special thank you to Kathy Mlynarski for the wonderful care she provided to George.

Depending on the winter weather, a graveside service for George will be held at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cemetery on Friday, Feb. 14, at 1:30 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Disabled American Veterans, P.O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH, 45250-0301 or [www.dav.org](http://www.dav.org).

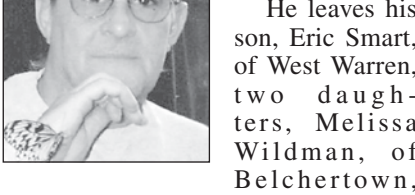
Charbonneau Funeral Home, 30 Pleasant St., in Ware, is assisting his family with arrangements.

An online guest book is available at [charbonneauhf.com](http://charbonneauhf.com).

## Wayne K. Smart

WARE – Wayne K. Smart, 71, of Ware, died on Tuesday, Jan. 28,

2020, at Western Massachusetts Hospital after a long period of declining health.



He leaves his son, Eric Smart, of West Warren, two daughters, Melissa Wildman, of Belchertown, and Jennifer Smart, of Springfield, and five grandchildren: Jacob Smart, Anna Harrington, Kaila Hiersche, Chelsea Smart, and Grace Smart. He also leaves his three sisters, Susan LaValley, Kathy Jurczyk and Gloria Chaplin. He was born in Ware, son of the late Kenneth and Annette Smart and was a lifelong resident of Ware.

After just turning 20-years-old, Wayne enlisted in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War, and served on the U.S.S. Little Rock, Guided Missile Cruiser. He loved his time in the Navy and spoke often of how he was able to see the world traveling throughout Europe and the Middle East. After leaving the Navy, he remained a member of the National Guard for 15 years.

Wayne worked as a machine operator at FLEXcon in Spencer for over 25

## Death notices

### Renaud, George R.

Died Feb. 1, 2020  
Graveside Service Feb. 14, 2020  
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cemetery  
Ware

### Smart, Wayne K.

Died Jan. 28, 2020  
Calling hours Feb. 6, 2020  
Charbonneau Funeral Home  
Ware

years, where he made many friends. He enjoyed researching and following war history and biographies, as well as other historical documentaries on television. Most of all though, he loved his children and grandchildren.

He was a former member of All Saint's Church in Ware.

Calling hours for Wayne will be held on Thursday evening, Feb. 6, 2020 from 5 to 7 p.m., in the Charbonneau Funeral Home, 30 Pleasant St. Pending weather, a graveside service will be held on Friday, Feb. 7, at 11:30 a.m. in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cemetery, Greenwich Road, in Ware.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to DAV Disabled American Veterans at [www.dav.org](http://www.dav.org).

An online guest book is available at [charbonneauhf.com](http://charbonneauhf.com).

Ware River News

## OBITUARY POLICY

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## NORCROSS WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

# 2020 winter lecture series

WALES – Winter lectures at the Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary are offered on Saturdays at 1:30pm. Please RSVP by calling 413-267-9654. The lectures are free; however, attendees are asked that to bring a canned good or non-perishable food item to support the local food pantry. In case of inclement weather please call ahead, check our Facebook page or visit [www.norcrosswildlife.org](http://www.norcrosswildlife.org).

### Saturday Feb. 8: Minerals, rock and archaeology

Alan Smith, a project archaeologist and environmental specialist, will discuss his experiences involving several minerals and rock types that have influenced the anthropological and archaeological record. Follow the story of the formation of supercontinents and Massachusetts a billion years ago, the creation of its minerals and bedrock millions of years ago, the glaciation of this land thousands of years ago, ending with the establishment of flora and fauna and the peopling of this landscape where you live. See some exotic minerals caused by orogenic events that were used in the peopling of the land and were discovered by archaeologists.

### Saturday, Feb. 15 Sanctuary closed for Presidents' Day

### Saturday, Feb. 22 The New Jersey pine barrens at a glance

The pine barrens of New Jersey have long been known for its botanical richness and unique character. With over one million acres of protected lands, this "wilderness" sits within 25 miles of Philadelphia and 30 miles of New

York City. Uli Lorimer, director of horticulture for Native Plant Trust, will touch upon some of the conservation work being done within the pines, some of the field work conducted on behalf of the Torrey Botanical Society and a showcase of the wonderful flora that can be found there.

### Saturday, Feb. 29 Understanding the fascinating life cycle of native plants

Heather McCargo, founder and executive director of Wild Seed Project, will show you the fascinating reproductive life cycle of different types of New England native plants. She will explain how we can change our landscape practices to support wild plant reproduction, pollinators, and other wildlife. Come and learn about outdoor seed sowing that anyone can do to help increase native plant populations. Growing native plants from seed is a great way to protect the genetic diversity of our native flora and to produce an abundance of plants inexpensively. Be part of a grassroots movement to sow native seeds.

### Saturday, March 7 Design-less gardening: a naturalistic approach

Disregard traditional design rules and adopt a new approach to garden design. Look to nature for inspiration. What clues can be taken from the landscape to help a site to thrive? Learn to evaluate sunlight, moisture, soil and other factors to encourage a successful garden that does not require many inputs in the way of watering, fertilizing and extra coddling. Dan Jaffe, Norcross horticulturist and propagator, will

show attendees how to create a low maintenance garden that actively supports the environment and provides beauty for all-- people and pollinators alike.

### Saturday, March 14 You, me and climate change

Climate Change: It's what's for dinner.. Not just tonight but every night for the foreseeable future. Since we know what's being served up we may as well come up with a creative menu to deal with or mitigate the changes to come. Excess CO2 is not the problem; it's a symptom as are the extreme weather patterns. Fossil fuel is only a fraction of the excess carbon in the atmosphere. Trevor Smith, lead designer at Land Escapes Design, will go past the scary numbers and the heartbreaking photographs of emaciated polar bears floating alone on a piece of ice and break out individuals can do. He makes it clear that the power to slow or stop climate change doesn't rest solely in the hands of government and will leave everyone inspired and empowered to take action.

### Saturday, March 21 Bare trees and naked shrubs

No leaves? No problem! Boot Boutwell, a freelance itinerant naturalist and educator, will show attendees how to use a combination of branching patterns, bud and bark characteristics, habitat, persistent fruits, galls and marcescent leaves to help identify woody plants in winter. Attendees will use both bud and twig samples to study the subjects. While this is an indoor presentation, there will be the option to go for a walk afterward.

## Ronnie Newton to lead church service

NEW BRAINTREE — The Tri-Parish Community Church service at the New Braintree Congregational Church on Sunday, Feb. 9, will be led by guest speaker and musician, Ronnie Newton. Following the service will be the all-important annual meeting of the Tri-Parish Community Church. All are welcome.

## Boar's Head Feast set for Feb. 15

HARDWICK – All are invited to the Boars Head Feast, a dinner event celebrating Hardwick and supporting local charities. The dinner will be held at the Eagle Hill School 242 Old Petersham Road Saturday, Feb. 15 beginning at 6 p.m.

The evening includes a hors d'oeuvres with complimentary wine and beer, a dinner of roast loin of pork and side dishes, dessert and coffee. The Quabbin Regional High School Singers will provide music.

Each year the Donald Boothman Memorial Boar's Head Award is made to recognize a citizen of the community, whose service has made Hardwick a better

place to live. The David Huntress Memorial Award is made to a Hardwick student, who exemplifies community spirit and service. All proceeds from the event are donated to local charities. Last year the Boar's Head Feast dinner provided \$4,000 to Camp Putnam, Jo's Jackets, The Tri-Parish Deacon's Fund and the Hardwick Youth Center.

Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$45, but people should RSVP that they will be attending by contacting Ryan Witkos at [rjwitkos@gmail.com](mailto:rjwitkos@gmail.com) or leaving a message with name, number attending and contact information at 413-477-1061.



# CHURCH DIRECTORY

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### The Rev. Mary E. Rosendale

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Office Hours: Tuesday-Thursday, 10am-2pm and by appt. Please call the cell number: 413-687-5568

### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Holy Eucharist at 10 a.m., Children's Chapel 9:30 a.m.  
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THE JUBILEE CUPBOARD provides emergency food assistance and is open Thursday from 9 AM until noon. The location is next door to Trinity Church directly behind the Old Ware Fire Station. Please phone 413-967-3274. Donations of non-perishable food are welcomed by The Jubilee Cupboard during open hours only or make arrangements for pickup. Food may also be donated to The Jubilee Cupboard at a drop off box at the Big Y Supermarket in Ware. AA Thursdays, 7:30pm

### UNITED CHURCH OF WARE

49 Church Street, Ware, MA 01082  
413-967-9981

Office Hours: Monday 9-12/Tuesday 8:00-12:30/  
Wed 9-2/Thurs 9-12/Friday 8:00-12:30

**Saturday:** Worship service 5:00 p.m (Communion offered each week, Healing Worship on second Saturday of each month)  
**Narcotics Anonymous** 7:00 p.m.  
**Sunday:** Worship service 10:30 a.m. (Communion offered first Sunday of each month)  
Adult Bible Study 9:30 a.m., Sunday School - 10:45 a.m., Children's Church after Children's Sermon each Sunday. Coffee hour after service  
**Tuesday:** T.O.P.S. 5:00 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** Weight Watchers 5:00-7:30 p.m.

### ALL SAINTS CHURCH

17 North Street, Ware  
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60 South Street, Ware  
**Pastor: Rev. Fr. Piotr Calik**  
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### General Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 9am - 12pm; Friday: Closed  
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Phone numbers: 413-967-5913; 413-967-4963  
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### Mass Schedule:

4:00 PM Saturday - All Saints  
5:30 PM Saturday - St. Mary's  
8:00 AM Sunday - All Saints  
9:30 AM Sunday - St. Mary's  
5:30 PM Sunday - All Saints (till future change)

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday and Tuesday 7:30 AM at All Saints  
Wednesday and Thursday 7:30 AM at St. Mary's  
Friday 6:00 PM at All Saints - St. Jude Novena  
Saturday 8:00 AM at St. Mary's - Miraculous Medal Novena

### SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

All Saints – Saturday 3:00 - 3:45 PM  
or by appointment  
St. Mary's – Saturday following the 5:30 PM Mass  
or by appointment

### HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Vigil: 5:30 pm at All Saints  
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Office for both All Saints Church and St. Mary's Church is located at: 60 South Street, Ware, MA 01082.

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Sunday Mass: 7:30 a.m.

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Phone: 413-668-7041  
Email: [LBC7@gmail.com](mailto:LBC7@gmail.com)  
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### Sunday Service times:

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108 New Braintree Rd., North Brookfield  
774-286-1322  
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### TRI-PARISH COMMUNITY CHURCH

3 Oakham Rd., P.O. Box 202  
New Braintree 508-867-3306

The Tri-Parish Community Church represents the communities of Gilbertville, Hardwick, and New Braintree. Our service will begin at 10:00. Bible Study begins on 9/13 at 8:15 am - 9:30am. Choir Rehearsals are at 9am and Sunday School returns on 9/13 at 10:00 am. We are worshipping at The First Universalist Church of Hardwick, 9 Ruggles Hill Rd. Hardwick through December.

All are welcome to worship and join in fellowship and light refreshment following the service.

Change of Office Hours: Tuesdays & Thursdays 10am - noon. Heidi Jeldres, Administrative Assistant. (508)867-3306 [tri-parish@verizon.net](mailto:tri-parish@verizon.net).

Appointments can be scheduled at either the Pastor's office or at your home when needed. Please contact Pastor Deb to make arrangements. [debashops@aol.com](mailto:debashops@aol.com) or (413)478-0731. Beginning 7/6 our Worship Service move to The First Universalist Church of Hardwick through the end of the year. From 7/6 - 8/31 Worship will begin at 9:30 am. All are welcome.

The mission of the Tri-Parish Community Church is service to God by working together as a church to alleviate suffering and to foster hope, love and the word of Jesus Christ among our family and neighbors here and throughout the world.

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[rectory@sacredheartwb.com](mailto:rectory@sacredheartwb.com)

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CONTRACTORS

The Brookfield UU Church invites GENERAL BIDS for accessibility modifications to the 1912 church, located at 9 Upper River Street on the Brookfield Common. The property is listed as Building E-169 of 107 buildings in the Brookfield Common National Historic District; MACRIS BKF.169.

The church is listed on the National Register of Historic Places as the First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, Building MHC #E-169 of 107 buildings in the Brookfield Common National Historic District, National Register listing #90000161.

The historically sensitive modifications generally include construction of a new accessible bathroom, followed by disassembly of the existing bathroom; replacement with a new accessible vestibule and hoistway for a three-stop vertical wheelchair lift; coordination with the wheelchair lift installer; and all related accessories and finishes.

Bidders must have five years of experience in work of the scope described in the Bid Documents, and shall have completed at least three similar projects in the past five years.

All bids shall be accompanied by a list of similar projects and appropriate references.

All work must be performed in accordance with the documents prepared by Warbasse Associates, LLC, 485 East Hill Road, Oakham, MA 01068 (508-882-3980 / [WarbasseLLC@aol.com](mailto:WarbasseLLC@aol.com)). Bid documents may be requested from Warbasse Associates.

PRE-BID ACCESS may be arranged with Warbasse Associates, LLC. BIDS DUE by **6:00 P.M. Tuesday, February 18, 2020**.

Bids must be mailed or delivered to Warbasse Associates, LLC, 485 East Hill Road, Oakham, MA 01068, or emailed to [WarbasseLLC@aol.com](mailto:WarbasseLLC@aol.com) on the BID FORM. BIDS will be evaluated on the basis of price, previous experience with similar

types of work to historic buildings, ability to perform the work in a timely manner, and references. 1/30, 2/06/2020

NOTICE OF  
MORTGAGEE'S SALE  
OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by **Jason Ellithorpe, Sr.** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for PPF Wholesale, a division of Stearns Lending, Inc., dated August 26, 2010 and recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 10281, Page 216, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for PPF Wholesale, a division of Stearns Lending, Incorporated, its successors and assigns to Wells Fargo Bank, NA, recorded on August 31, 2012, in Book No. 11029, at Page 100 for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 12:00 PM on February 25, 2020, on the mortgaged premises located at 140 Eagle Street, Ware, Hampshire County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, TO WIT: the land together with the buildings thereon situated on Eagle Street in said Ware, Hampshire County, Massachusetts being bounded and described as follows: The land hereby conveyed is designated as Lot Fifteen on a Plat of land entitled, "Mountain View Plat". The plan of said Plat being drawn by W.H. and H.W. Brainerd Engineers. Said Plan dated April 1925, and on record in Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 8, Page 30, to which reference is made or a more particular description. BEING the same premises as conveyed to the grantor herein by deed of Herbert L. Foley and Lynne A. Foley by deed dated February 16, 2005 and recorded in the Hampshire Registry of Deeds in Book 8169, Page 305. For title reference see deed in Book 8634 / Page 252. For mortgagor's(s') title see deed

recorded with Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 8634, Page 252. These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

**TERMS OF SALE:** A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for record upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale. **WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.** Present holder of said mortgage By its Attorneys, **HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.** 150 California St. Newton, MA 02458 (617)558-0500 17615 1/23, 1/30, 2/06/2020

(SEAL) **COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT 20 SM 000418 ORDER OF NOTICE TO:** **Kristine Barnes a/k/a Kristine P. Barnes a/k/a Kristine Patricia Barnes** And to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act: 50 U.S.C. c. 50 § 3901 (et seq):

PennyMac Loan  
Services, LLC

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Ware, numbered 152 Upper Church Street, given by William F. Barnes and Kristine P. Barnes to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for Academy Mortgage Corporation, dated June 10, 2016, and recorded at Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 12300, Page 330, and now held by the plaintiff by assignment has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **March 09, 2020** or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the grounds of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of said Court on January 24, 2020.

Attest: **Deborah J. Patterson** Recorder 2/06/2020

Town Of Ware  
Notice of Public Hearing  
Planning Board  
SP-2020-01

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ware Planning Board, acting as the Special Permit Granting Authority, will hold a Public Hearing on **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2020 at 7:05 PM** on the application of Greenwich Road Realty, LLC, for an extension of Special Permit (SP-2019-01) for an earth removal operation under Section 4.8.5, of the Zoning Bylaw, and pursuant to MGL Chapter 40A. The hearing will be held in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, 126 Main Street, Town Hall, Ware, MA. **SITE LOCATION: Greenwich Road, Ware, MA.** Said premises being

further described in deeds recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Book 10396, Page 108. Said property is also listed on Assessor's Map 35, Lot 12-1. Zoned: Rural Residential (RR).

A complete copy of the application may be inspected at the Planning and Community Development Department or the Town Clerk's office during regular business hours. Anyone interested or wishing to be heard on the application should appear at the time and place designated. All interested parties are invited to attend.

WARE PLANNING  
BOARD  
Richard Starodaj,  
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1/30, 2/06/2020

Legal Notice for RDA  
LEGAL NOTICE

The Ware Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, February 12, 2020, at 7:00 PM** pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. 131 c40. The hearing will include consideration of a Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) by New England Power Company, for an Insulator Replacement Project along the E5/F6 Transmission Line in Ware. Said hearing will be held in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, Town Hall, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA 01082. To view application and related plans, contact the Conservation office at 413.967.9648 x117.

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**James M. Regin** 1/30, 2/06, 2/13/2020

Hardwick  
Planning Board  
Notice of Public  
Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the Hardwick Planning Board per Hardwick Zoning Bylaws, Sections 3.2.6.1 -2 and 5.2 will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 7:00PM** at the Municipal Office Building, 307 Main Street, Gilbertville, MA.

This Hearing is regarding the application for Site Plan Approval by Trinity Solar for a residential ground mounted 7.56kW solar installation at 78 Miner Road. All interested parties are asked to attend.

Interested parties may also view this Legal Notice at <http://masspublicnotices.org> Hardwick Planning Board **Harry Comerford,** Chairman 2/6, 2/13/2020

NOTICE OF  
MORTGAGEE'S  
SALE OF  
REAL ESTATE

Premises: 24 Berkshire Circle, Ware, Massachusetts

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by **John Wellman and Debra Legrand-Wellman** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Broker Solutions, Inc., said mortgage dated October 22, 2018, and recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, in Book 13108 at Page 56 and now held by Broker Solutions, Inc. dba New American Funding by virtue of an assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Broker Solutions, Inc., dba New American Funding to Broker Solutions, Inc., dba

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The land was on the westerly side of the westerly portion of Berkshire Drive Circle, Ware, Hampshire County, Massachusetts, and being Lot No. 54 as shown on a plan of land of Walter Przedpelski by Adney A. Russo, dated June 10, 1972, recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 86, Page 47, said lot being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at an iron pin in the southeast corner of Lot 55 as shown on said plan, said pin being in the westerly line of Berkshire Drive Circle;

thence South 5 degrees 22 minutes 10 seconds West along Berkshire Drive Circle one hundred twelve and 30/100 (112.30) feet to an iron pin in the northeast corner of Lot 53;

thence North 83 degrees 12 minutes 40 seconds West one hundred twelve (112) feet along Lot 53 to an iron pin in a stone wall and land now of formerly of the heirs of Frederick W. Gow;

thence North 6 degrees 47 minutes 20 seconds East along said wall and land of Gow, one hundred twelve and 86/100 (112.86) feet to an iron pin in the southwest corner of Lot 55;

Thence South 82

degrees 54 minutes 20 seconds East along Lot 55, one hundred nine and 22/100 (109.22) feet to the point of beginning.

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Being the same premise conveyed to the mortgagors herein by deed of Corey Tavernier and Juan Santana recorded simultaneously herewith.

The description of the property that appears in the mortgage to be foreclosed shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagors' Title see deed dated October 12, 2018, and recorded in Book 13108 at Page 54 with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds.

**TERMS OF SALE:** Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

**FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid by a certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within sixty (60) days after the date of sale.**

**Other terms to be announced at the sale.** **BENDETT & MCHUGH,** PC 270 Farmington Avenue Farmington, CT 06032 Attorney for Broker Solutions, Inc. dba New American Funding Present Holder of the Mortgage (860) 677-2868 1/30, 2/06 2/13/2020



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